



# **The Greatest Love Story Ever Told**



**GOD  
IS  
LOVE**

1 John 4:16 ESV

## John 1:11-13 Amplified Bible (AMP)

**11** He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own—His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him and did not welcome Him. **12** But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—**13** Who owe their birth neither to [a]bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]

# The Rose

## "The Rose"

Some say love, it is a river  
That drowns the tender reed.  
Some say love, it is a razor  
That leaves your soul to bleed.  
Some say love, it is a hunger,  
An endless aching need.  
I say love, it is a flower,  
And you its only seed.  
It's the heart afraid of breaking  
That never learns to dance.  
It's the dream afraid of waking  
That never takes the chance.

It's the one who won't be taken,  
Who cannot seem to give,  
And the soul afraid of dyin'  
That never learns to live.

When the night  
has been too lonely  
And the road has been too long,  
And you think that love is only  
For the lucky and the strong,  
Just remember in the winter  
Far beneath the bitter snows  
Lies the seed  
that with the sun's love  
In the spring becomes the rose.

## Galatians 4: 1-7

**Galatians 4: 1** Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate; **2** But he is under guardians and administrators or trustees until the date fixed by his father. **3** So we [Jewish Christians] also, when we were minors, were kept like slaves under [the rules of the Hebrew ritual and subject to] the elementary teachings of a system of external observations and regulations. **4** But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to [the regulations of] the Law,

## Galatians 4: 1-7

5 To purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to [a]atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us [and be recognized as God's sons]. 6 And because you [really] are [His] sons, God has sent the [[b]Holy] Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father! 7 Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then [it follows that you are] an heir [c]by the aid of God, through Christ.

# Adopted: Children of God

**Romans 8:14 :For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.**

**Romans 9:8: In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.**

# Adoption is SONSHIP!

**Galatians 4:5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.[a]**

**Ephesians 1:5 he[a] predestined us for adoption to sonship[b] through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—**

***The Greek word for adoption to sonship is a legal term referring to the full legal standing of an adopted male heir in Roman culture.***



family miracle  
hope waiting birth family  
forever blessed mother  
love heart adoption smile  
sacrifice dream child  
always come gift  
true  
❤️

# Mrs. Doubtfire

- **Story about the lengths that a father who loves his children will go to, to spend time with them.**



**God's Love**

The text "God's Love" is rendered in a large, bold, serif font. The word "God's" is black and partially obscured by a crown of thorns. The word "Love" is red and surrounded by several large, dark red blood splatters of varying sizes, with some dripping downwards.

**Is so much greater  
than any man's!!!!**

# I AM SAM

- **Story of a mentally disabled man who raises his daughter and has to fight the system to be able to keep her.**



# ADOPTION VIDEO

**I saw this video on facebook and had to share it. It is a beautiful story about a couple who sees their child for the first time and I thought it was a wonderful picture of how God feels about us when we are first adopted into His Family**

A black and white photograph showing a large, weathered hand gently holding a smaller, smoother hand. The larger hand is positioned above and to the left, with its fingers wrapped around the smaller hand. The smaller hand is held palm-up, and its fingers are slightly curled. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands.

*I am  
worthy  
of  
God's  
Love*

When is your adoption day?

