

1 NOVEMBER



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34

PAUSE

Think about your earthly possessions. Which one have you owned for the longest time? Have you brought anything from your childhood into your life today? Do you still use it or is it simply a remembrance, a keepsake?

PONDER

Every once in awhile, a product will come along with a “lifetime guarantee.” Such items are so sturdy, so well constructed, so durable, that the manufacturer promises to repair or replace them if they ever prove defective. Guaranteed for life! It’s a mark of quality, of trustworthiness.

With that in mind, consider the words of 1 Chronicles 16:34: “His love endures forever.” Forever? Yes, forever!

Here’s a guarantee that stretches far beyond your lifetime or mine here on earth. This guarantee never expires, never runs out! God’s love for us began in eternity past and extends, farther into the future than we can even imagine.

All human love has its limits. Our friends or spouse or children may have lots of patience. They may put up with our quirks for years. They may patiently endure our foibles and failures, day after day. They may overlook our shortcomings for decades. Their love for us endures, but perhaps not indefinitely. There’s always the possibility they will reach their limit, get their fill. Something we say or do might be the last straw in their eyes.

And even if that never happens, sooner or later our loved ones will die. Or we will. The love we counted on will end—at least, here in this life.

But the love of our Lord goes on forever. He proved that when he hung dying for us on Calvary’s cross. If ever God was going to renege on his guarantee of love, it would have been then and there. Instead, he doubled-down. He endured. He died, faithful to his promise to win salvation for us.

Forgiven, we can count on his love today, tomorrow, and always. If we needed a reason to “give thanks to the Lord,” we have it! He is good! His love endures forever!

PRAY

Lord Jesus, flood my heart with thanksgiving this month and always. Then teach me to love with the kind of patience and commitment you have shown to me. Replace my selfishness with self-forgetfulness and make me kind, gentle, and generous—just like you are to me. Amen.

SMILE!

A father was reading Bible stories to Johnny. “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city,” Daddy read, “but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.”

Johnny looked up and asked, “But Daddy, what happened to the flea?”

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