

## Everlasting Love

1. What love is this that always gives  
And never counts the cost  
That beats within the heart of God  
With passion for the lost  
That lifts me from my wretchedness  
And clothes me in His righteousness  
Everlasting love, everlasting love,  
Everlasting love, Be my joy and my light
  
2. What love is this that purges fear  
And cancels every sin  
Yet loves enough to lead me through  
The fires of discipline  
The suffering that works in me  
The jewel of humility  
Everlasting love, everlasting love  
Everlasting love, Be my comfort and guide
  
3. What love is this What priceless gift  
So freely poured on me  
If all the wealth of earth was mine  
No richer would I be  
The greatest prize to know the King  
And know that I am loved by Him  
With everlasting love everlasting love,  
Everlasting love Be my hope and my light

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## Confession: Hebrews 11

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, **the conviction of things not seen.**

By faith we understand **that the universe was created by the word of God.**

By faith we offer our bodies as living sacrifices, **holy and acceptable as our spiritual worship.**

By faith we draw near to you Lord, **believing that you exist and are found by those who seek you.**

By faith we devote ourselves to your Word for the saving of our families.

**By faith we obey your call to go out and live the Gospel, even though we may not know where that will take us.**

By faith we look forward to the city of eternal foundations, designed and built by you.

**By faith we trust you even in old age because we know you are faithful to your promise.**

By faith we live out our lives seeking a homeland; a better country, a heavenly one.

**By faith we trust and obey when tested, knowing that all things are possible with you.**

By faith we bless our children and prepare them to serve you now and for eternity.

**By faith we obey you rather than men.**

By faith we are not ashamed to be called your people.

**By faith we bring our children to Baptism, trusting in your promise and the power of your Word.**

By faith we receive the body and blood of Jesus given and shed for us for the remission of sins.

**By faith we live in the world but are not of the world.**

**O Lord, help us when our faith is too small. Forgive us for our worry. Clothe us in your goodness and mercy. Enable us, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to seek first your Kingdom, to lay up treasure in Heaven, to stay our hearts on you.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

### ***Romans 9:1–5 Abraham's Offspring***

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— 2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

### **Matthew 14:13–21 *Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand***

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

14 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15 Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” 16 But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” 17 They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” 18 And he said, “Bring them here to me.” 19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### **Reckless Love of God**

1. Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me  
You have been so, so good to me  
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so, so kind to me

#### **Chorus:**

(And) O the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still, You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless Love of God.

2. When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me  
You have been so, so good to me  
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me  
You have been so, so kind to me.

#### **Bridge:**

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me. (Repeat)

**Sermon: The Real Story Matthew 14:13-21**

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**By Faith**

1. By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design.  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight.
2. By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts.  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign.

**Chorus:**

We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

3. By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear.  
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave.
4. By faith the church was called to go  
In the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost.  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In ev'ry corner of the earth.
5. By faith the mountain shall be moved  
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name.