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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~ Love is the only service that power cannot command, and money cannot buy.
 - ~ Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.
 - ~ Love is an action verb.
 - ~ Love cures people - both the ones who give it and the ones who receive it. ---Karl A. Menninger
 - ~ Plant love everywhere, so that it grows through the cracks in hatred. ~Terri Guillemets
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The Love and Respect From Man God Deserves **1 John 4:7-11**
INTRODUCTION:

1. **1 John** holds up Christ in a Christian's life.
2. Christian liars are defined: **1 John 2:4, 22; 4:20**
3. Also those who hate their brethren **1 John 2:9-11; 3:15; 4:20**
4. "God is love" is an attractive doctrine, but often ignored.
5. **Romans 3:18** - "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

DISCUSSION: (Bible outlined in 1 verse: **Hebrews 11:6**)

1. **HEBREWS 11:6** - "THAT HE IS" **1 John 4:8**="God is love"
 - a. Begin at Creation
 - 1) **Genesis 1:1-1st** Cause = "The Power"/Heb. *Elohim*
 - 2) **Genesis 1:2-2:6**-Master Designer
NO "millions of years" **Romans 1:25**
 - 3) **Acts 14:15-17**-"the living God," "witness" in seasons
 - b. **Romans 1:18-21** - "they are without excuse"
 - 1) **Acts 17:27-28** - "He is not far from each one of us"
 - 2) **Titus 1:15-16** - "profess to know God, but in works they deny Him"

- c. Don't Make God Prove Who He is! **Exodus 5:2-14:18**
 - 1) Pharaoh "who did not know Joseph" **Exodus 1:6,8**
 - 2) Record of Joseph in **Genesis 37-50**
 - 3) "And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD" **Exodus 7:5, 17** (1st water to blood), **8:22** (4th flies); **10:2** (8th locusts); **12:12** (10th death of firstborn); **14:4, 18** (annihilation of Egyptian army)
 - 4) History is littered with the ruins of disbelievers
 - d. There is NO "face-to-face" with God **1 John 4:12**
 - 1) Moses **Exodus 3:5-6; 34:8**
 - 2) Joshua **Joshua 5:13-15**
 - 3) John **Revelation 1:9-17; 22:8-9**
 - 4) Everyone **Romans 14:10-12; Matthew 7:21-23**
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2. "HE IS A REWARDER" **HEBREWS 11:6**
 - a. Begin at the Cross **1 John 4:9-11**
 - 1) Power **1 Corinthians 1:17-18**
 - 2) Design **Ephesians 2:14; Colossians 1:20**
 - 3) Effect **Galatians 6:14**
 - 4) Attraction
 - a) **John 12:32-33** - "will draw all"
 - b) **Philippians 2:8** - "humbled and obedient"
 - c) **Hebrews 12:2** - "the joy"
 - b. God FIRST Loved Us **1 John 4:19**
 - 1) **1 John 4:9-12** - He went FIRST to get our attention
 - 2) **Romans 5:8** - "while we were still sinners"
 - 3) Paul's "resume" included **Galatians 1:13**
 - c. No Excuse for Refusing to Come to Cross
 - 1) **Galatians 2:21** - Died in vain if "saved by Decalog"
 - 2) **Hebrews 6:4-6** - Once saved, then reject Jesus
 - 3) **1 John 4:20-21** - Refusing to show love to brethren
 - 4) **Acts 9:1, 5** - "against the disciples"="persecuting Me"
 - d. **Luke 7:36-50** - Is YOUR heart broken because of YOUR sin?

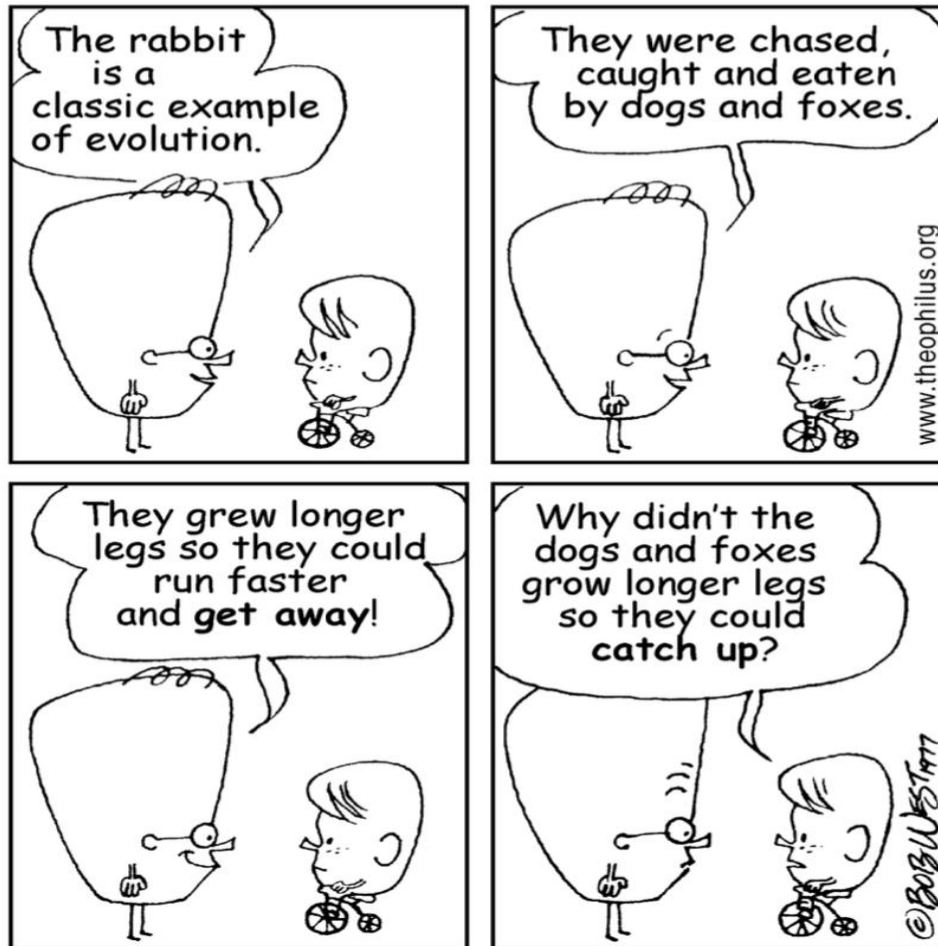
CONCLUSION:

1. Do you believe God lives and loves?
 2. The *created world* proves God IS, *worldliness* proves need for God's love.
 3. ILLUS. Boy with kite out of sight - man asked "how do you know it's up there?" Boy-"I feel it pulling at me."
- WE KNOW GOD IS IN HEAVEN BECAUSE WE FEEL HIM PULLING AT US THROUGH THE CROSS! ARE YOU HOLDING YOUR SIDE OF JESUS' CROSS?
4. **MARK 16:15-16**

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THEOPHILUS

Classic Evolution



a threefold cord is not quickly broken
Ecclesiastes 4:12

How Much of Your Heart Have You Given to God?

Notice these examples from writers of the Psalms concerning the “whole heart” and God:

- * **Psalm 9:1**, “*I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*” **With our whole heart, we should praise God and enthusiastically tell others about Him.**
- * **Psalm 111:1**, “*Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.*” **We should worship God with the faithful and do so with our whole heart.**
- * **Psalm 119:10**, “*With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!*” **We should seek God and His will using our whole heart.**
- * **Psalm 119:34**, “*Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.*” **We should, with our whole heart, obey God’s commandments.**
- * **Psalm 119:58**, “*I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; be merciful to me according to Your word.*” **We should pray to God with the whole heart.**
- * **Psalm 119:145**, “*I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes.*” **With our whole heart, we should pour out our feelings and emotions before God.**
- * **Psalm 138:1**, “*I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You.*” **We should honor God with our whole heart, no matter who is watching.**

From these Psalms, we can clearly see that we are to honor, praise, worship, obey, pray, and proclaim God with our whole heart – at all times! ***Are you a “whole-hearted” or “half-hearted” child of God?***

- Edd Sterchi