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DAILY DEVOTION GOD LOVES SINNERS

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JOHN 3:16 KJV 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Many people quote John 3:16 -- but how many believe it?

God never changes. If He loved the people of the world in the past -- He still loves them today. Yet many people think God is mad at sinners -- and hates them.

ROMANS 5:8 NIV 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

God is NOT mad at sinners. He loves them enough to die for them -- even today! We should not be mad at sinners either. They are deceived and enslaved by the power of sin. They need to be delivered, and no one can do it except Jesus.

Of course, God doesn't want people to remain sinners. He loves them too much for that. Sin destroys. It brings death. But the gift of God is life -- and that gift is found in a Person: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the best friend a sinner will ever have. They need to know that. Someone has to tell them the truth. They think Jesus hates them because they're a sinner and not perfect. (The devil already fed them that lie.)

Let's tell them the truth!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:19 NIV 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

God is not holding people's sins against them. The only thing sinners need to do is to confess their sins, forsake it and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. People need to know that. When they do -- they will be saved.

PRAYER: Jesus loves sinners -- so I love them, too. LORD help me to love them enough to tell them Jesus will help them.