

# True Love

## Myth or Reality?

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LOVE is a very commonly used word with so many different meanings!

If we ask a college going boy or a girl, what love means, they may say “Love is a FANTASTIC FEELING that can’t be explained; It must be experienced and felt”. Wow! That sounds good!!

A married couple may say, “Love is all about UNDERSTANDING each other”. Parents may voice out that “Love is CARING your children wherever they are”.

What do you think about LOVE?

If we want to understand ‘TRUE LOVE’ we should look at some real-life stories...and may be we’ll get a better picture.



## REAL STORY OF A TEENAGE BOY AND GIRL

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A boy and girl were deeply in love with each other. They would meet regularly and spend quality time with each other. Everything was fine till the boy started behaving differently. The girl noticed this and asked him the reason for sudden change in his behavior. He was ruling her life, which the girl didn't like at all.



The affection between them started growing cold and bitter. Their relationship turned so hostile that on 10th May 2015 the boy poured acid on the girl on the main road at Jubilee Hills check post, Hyderabad. You can read the news online yourself. This is not a joke. Do you call this as True Love?

### REAL STORY OF A COUPLE

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There was a very beautiful air-hostess working for a well-known airlines. She met this person who was a business man and soon developed a deep friendship. They were from different regions, religions and castes yet they boldly decided to get married. The boy's business was in Hyderabad and he didn't like her to work in night shifts, especially as an air hostess. The girl after a lot of thinking decided to quit her job. She willingly sacrificed her career for the sake of her husband and came to Hyderabad. After the wedding, everything seemed smooth for a month. She got pregnant. Soon thereafter, her husband started to drink every day and harassed her for dowry. She was totally broken and shattered. On many occasions her



parents insisted on divorcing him and asked her to come back. But owing to her deep love for him, she didn't heed to her parents' advice. Finally she delivered a cute baby boy. The husband should have changed by then at least, but he continued to beat her up badly. One night he was over drunk and slapped her with such a brutal, animal force that she collapsed and died instantly. Her husband was taken to jail and the one month old baby boy became an orphan. There was no one to take care of the abandoned child. Is this True Love?

## PARENTS' LOVE

Here is a true story of a mother who delivered a baby girl with lot of pain. However after six months, her husband died. Then she decided to leave her six-month-old daughter at her husband's brother's place and marry another person to live the rest of her life. The little girl grew up at her uncle's place. She is now 25years and has been deprived of her mother's and father's love. This is not one isolated case. There are many such shocking instances of parents leaving their tender new born babies in dust bins. How pathetic these stories are! People say that parents' love is the purest form of love. But what went wrong here? Where else can we find True Love?



## CHILDREN'S LOVE FOR PARENTS

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Here is another true story of a loving family. The family consisted of parents, their five sons and a daughter. The parents were very poor. They used to sell milk to meet their daily expenses. The parents went through a lot of struggle to bring up their children and give them



good education. The children grew up and got good jobs with high salaries. The father passed away suddenly and the old mother distributed her entire property

to her children. She became penniless, homeless and completely dependent on her sons. The sons agreed to let her stay in each of their houses for one month. If she stayed for even one day more, they would throw her out of the house with the luggage. She had five sons but

ultimately became a beggar on the streets and died a miserable death. Where is the children's love for their parents who gave them everything? How selfish they are! Is there True Love anywhere? Will we ever meet someone who truly loves us?

## OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S LOVE

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Here is a story about a rich man, who had two sons, whom he loved a lot. His house was a big mansion with many servants. One day, out of the blue, the younger son came to the father and demanded his share of property so that he could move out and live on his own. The father tried to change his mind and pleaded with him not to go, but the son stubbornly insisted on getting his share of property. The father, heartbroken and with his eyes full of tears, gave the younger son his share of the property.

The son grabbed all the money and rushed off to a far off place where he spent lavishly and enjoyed his life with new friends, drinking, partying with drugs etc. Suddenly one day he realized that the money is all over. Then, he went to his friends with whom he spent his

money, but they rejected him because he did not have any more money. His poverty was now so bad that he did not even have food to eat. Later he took up a menial job and even then struggled to get decent food to eat. In that lonely and desperate moment, he remembered his father and decided to go back to his father, thinking that he can be at least be one of the his father's servants and so that he could get something to eat. With this thought in mind, he got up and started off his journey back home wondering if his father will accept him back even as a servant. Son was filled with humility and remorse. He had no hope because he had experienced that the world was very shallow with no true love.

When he arrived, while he was still far off from his father's home, his father (who had been waiting for him) noticed him and came running out of his house to hug him and welcome him back. The son said, "Father I don't deserve to be your son. I just want a job, as a slave". But the father did not listen to him owing to his joy of seeing him and meeting him after so many years and whom he thought was already dead. He had

forgotten all the harsh words that the young man had used when he left him. Later the father organized a huge party for his son, who came back to him with repentance and received him back into his house, not as a slave but as a son.



Jesus told this story to make us understand about the True Love our Heavenly Father has towards us. This love is forgiving love. This is restoring love. This is everlasting love

Can you relate this story to yourself? You might be like the younger son in the story. You may say, “What? Me? Like younger son?? No way! I am a good child and never disobeyed my parents”. Yes, you are probably right!

Bible tells us – just like your earthly father, you also have a Heavenly Father who has a plan for you and hence created you. Yes, God is the one who created you and me. You are now breathing because of Him. God says - “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you” (Jer. 1:5). He is Almighty God. He is Holy God that created you and me for His glory (Is. 43:7).

Probably you do not know him or care about who He is. You have no personal relationship with him. But do you know how God feels about you at this moment? The Bible says, “God looked upon the children of men, to see if there were any, that did understand and that did seek God. Every one of them is gone back” (Ps. 53:2). He is so grieved because you are also like the younger son in the story who turned away from the father. You enjoy all the riches of God – this precious life, the

atmosphere, the earth, the sunlight, the water, the nature and many blessings of God. But you don't care who He is!

Yes, the Heavenly Father loves us and longs for our fellowship. He wants to establish a personal relationship with us. He wants us to be with Him and where He is. But He is Holy God and we are sinners who disobeyed and rejected him.

Just like the loving father in the story, God loves us so much that He sent Jesus Christ to die for you and me. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

So, he took initiative to send a mediator to reconcile us with Himself. And that mediator is Jesus Christ (1 Tim. 2:5), who took the form of man and came down to live amongst us. He came to show True Love of the Father. He had to purify us before He could reconcile and unite us with the Father because we are sinners. Your sin and my sin cannot go away easily because "Without

shedding of blood there is no remission of sins” (Heb. 9:22). The stains on your shirt may go with one wash, but how can the stains of secret sins of your heart be removed or cleansed? And hence, Jesus shed his precious blood and died on the cross to wash away our sins. It is again because “it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins” (Heb. 10:4) unlike many others think. Only the blood of Jesus can wash away all your sins. Yes...He died on the cross in your place. But, death could not contain him because He is holy God. So, He rose again on the third day. And He promised to raise everyone who believes in Him.

Do you want to go to Heaven?...then all you need to do is:

- **Accept** that you are a sinner.
- **Believe** that Jesus shed His blood for the forgiveness of your sins.
- **Confess** in His name and receive Him as your personal Savior and Lord.

My dear friend, please note that He is the only way that leads you to Heaven.

Jesus Christ is coming back again to take us to Heaven and to be with Him forever and ever. How amazing is His love! Can you imagine? Are you ready to meet Him and go along with him to Heaven when He comes with thousands of angels? Decision is yours!!

May God give you wisdom to know and accept this truth!



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