

Things We Can Count On:

God's Love



God's Love and Creation

- Creation expresses God's love because we are created...
 - To be like God and rule creation – Gen. 1:26-27
 - That we might know God – Acts 17:24-28
- What God created for us shows His love because...
 - He has given us what is needed and made it good – Gen. 1:29-31
 - He is concerned about the quality of our lives – Gen. 2:15, 18, 21-22
- Creation shows God loves us and we can count on that love!

God's Care Shows His Love

- We exist in this world because of God's loving care.
 - Jesus holds the universe together – Col. 1:16-17
 - Every person who sees a new day does so because of God's loving, providential care – Matt. 5:44-45
- God's care seeks our happiness and wellbeing
 - God's love is shown in providing more than "existence" – Acts 14:16-17
 - Those who seek God are assured of His loving care – Psa. 37:25-28; Matt. 6:31-33; 7:7-11
- God's care shows we can count on His love!

Jesus and God's Love

- We know this is true because God knew...
 - Before creation that a loving relationship would require our redemption through the blood of Jesus His Son – 1 Peter 1:18-21
 - Before Jesus was sent that Jesus would face great pain and suffering – Isa. 53:1-6
- **Yet, God still created us and sent Jesus!**
 - God great love means salvation from sin's condemnation – John 3:16-17
 - This love is the resounding theme of the New Testament – 1 Jn. 4:9-10; Rom. 5:5-8
- If you wonder about God's love amid the injustice and suffering of this world, remember God's sent Jesus to die for our sins!