



O WHAT LOVE

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"O What Love" is a meditation on God's love. As a meditation, it circles around a theme, approaching it from a few angles. However, there is also a kind of linear progression. Verse 1 focuses on Christ's past work to give us access to God's love through his blood shed. **Hebrews 10:19-22** describes this process. The Hebrew Scriptures painted a clear picture that sin separates us from God. The entire book of Leviticus describes God as Holy, set apart, and the systems of sacrifices and rituals necessary to address our sin and draw near to him. However, the veil that separated the Holy of Holies from the rest of the tabernacle was the final barrier between God and his people. When Jesus died in our place, the temple veil ripped from top to bottom, revealing that no barrier remained, so that "we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus."

The second verse points to our present experience of God's love as those who live by the Spirit. Romans 8 is one of the great biblical reflections on life in the Spirit. When considering the persecution and trouble that comes to believers, Paul declares that we are "more than conquerors," and that nothing in all creation could separate us from this love (**Rom. 8:37-39**).

The chorus refers to the faithful nature of God's love, that "it never gives up, never quits." This echoes the Hebrew concept of hesed, God's love that is built on his covenant promise to his people. Over and over again, despite Israel's failure and sin, he remained loyal and loving towards them, because he made a promise. This covenant love is given to us through the blood of Jesus, and it will never give up and never quit.