Rend Our Hearts

Joel 2:12-17

Benjamin Franklin

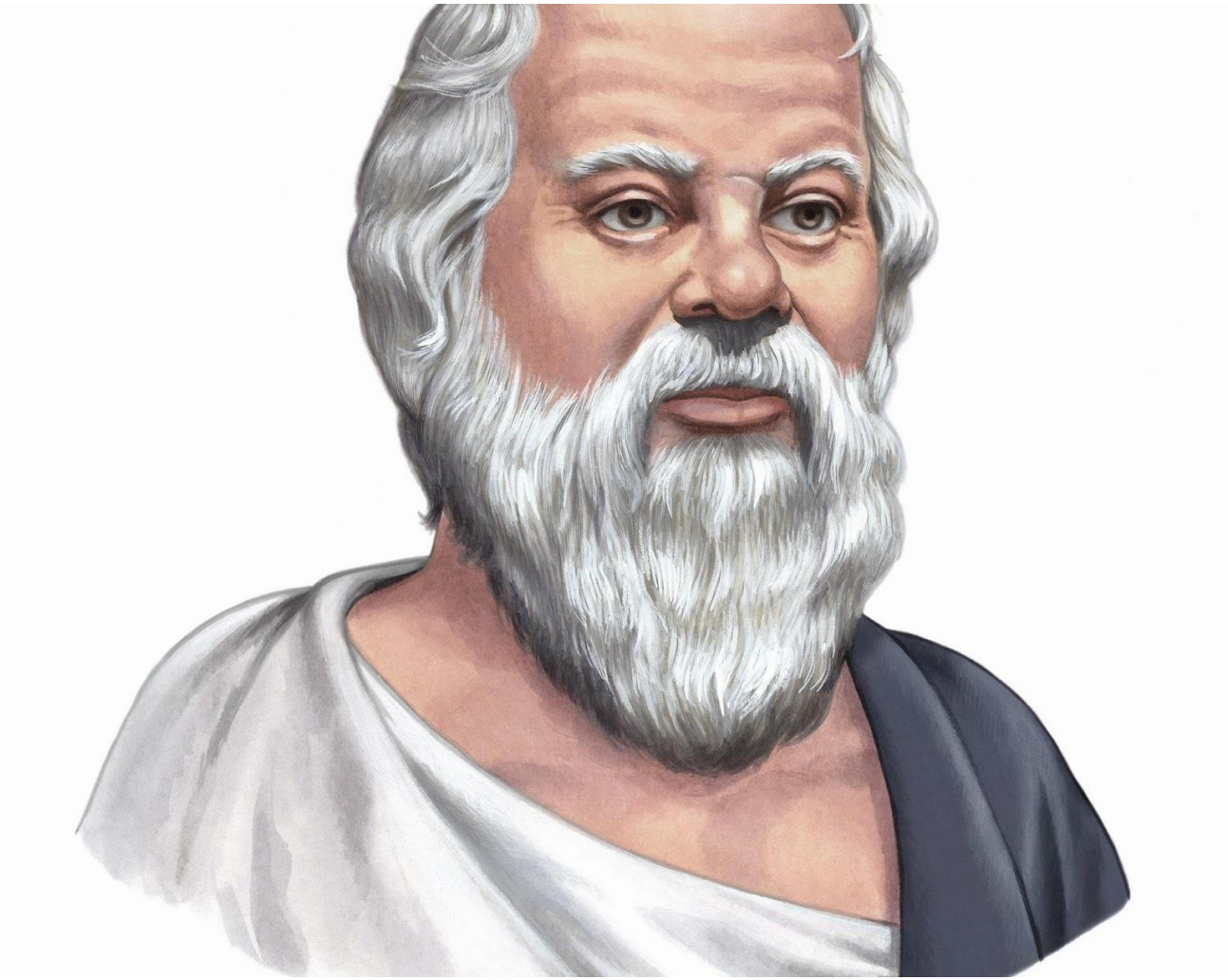
What good shall I do today?

What good have I done today?

Socrates

The unexamined life is not worth living.

Neither is the unplanned life worth living.

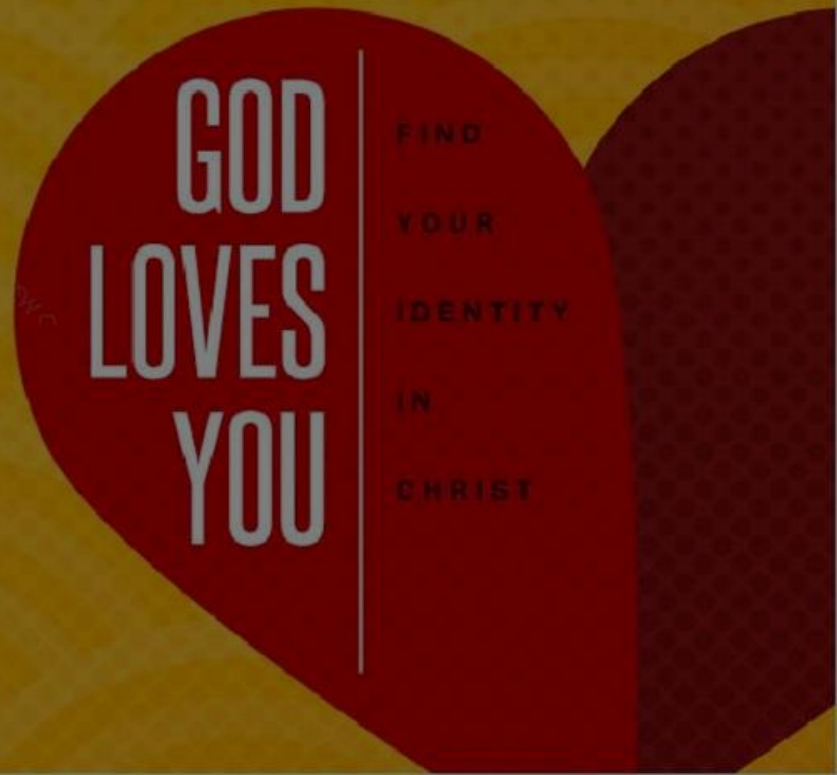


1. Assemble God's Children

a. The **Power** of the Assembly

b. The **Priority** for the Assembly

c. The **Prayer** by the Assembly



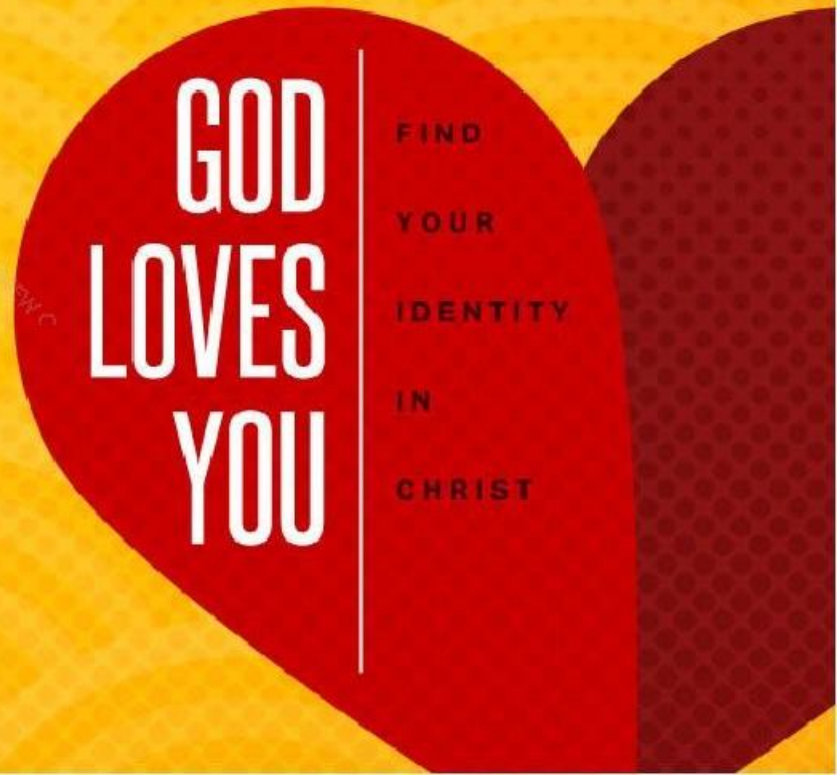
2. Acknowledge God's Character

He is Gracious

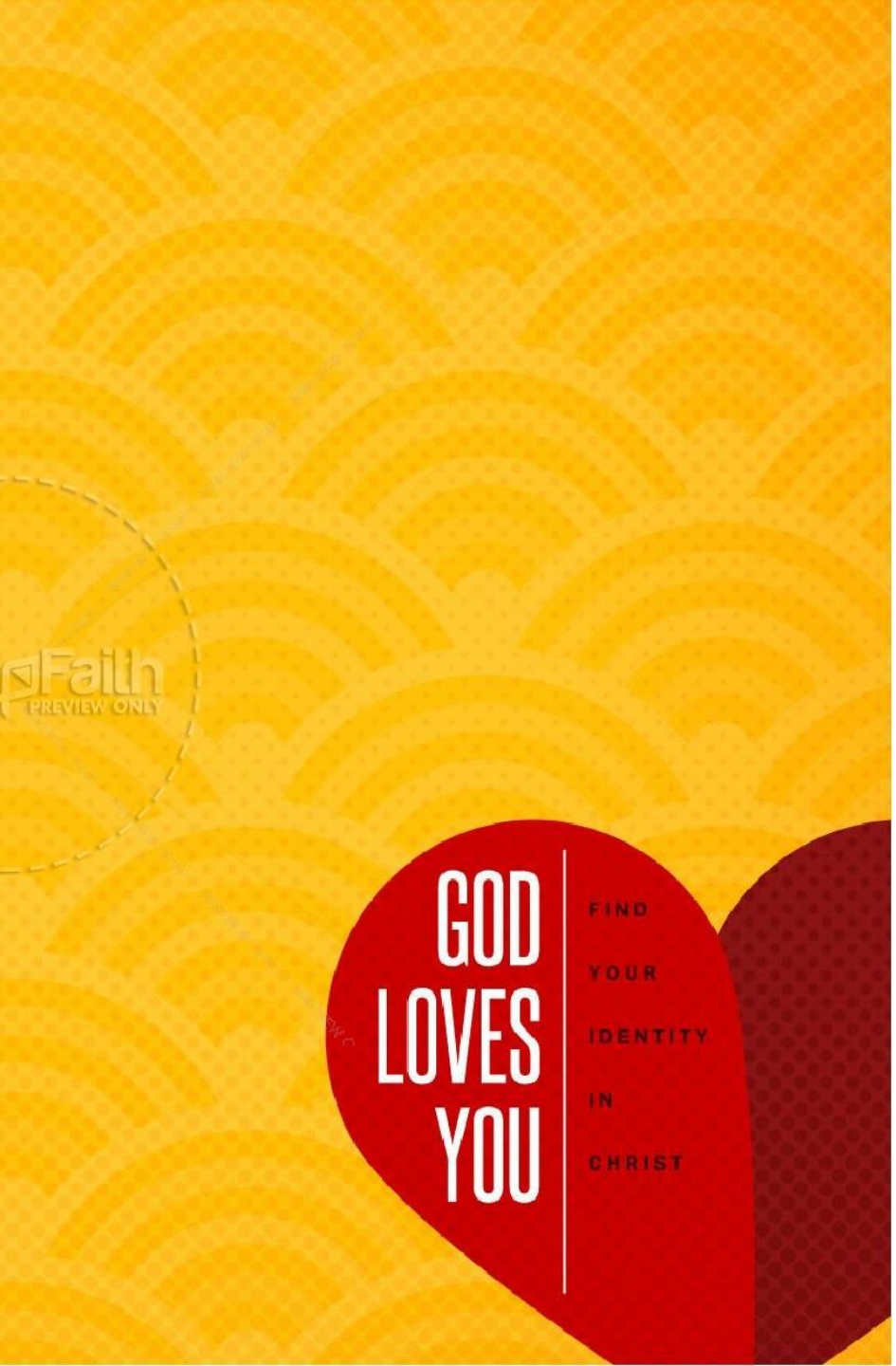
- Gracious
- Compassionate
- Slow to anger
- Kindness
- Understanding
- Leniency
- A gift

Merciful

His Son



He is God



He is Generous

‘every good and perfect gift comes from the Father’

'we who are sinful gives good gifts to our kids, what do you think God will do?'

Timing

Turning

Tearing

3. Accept God's Call (repentance)

Turning

Pious Fraud

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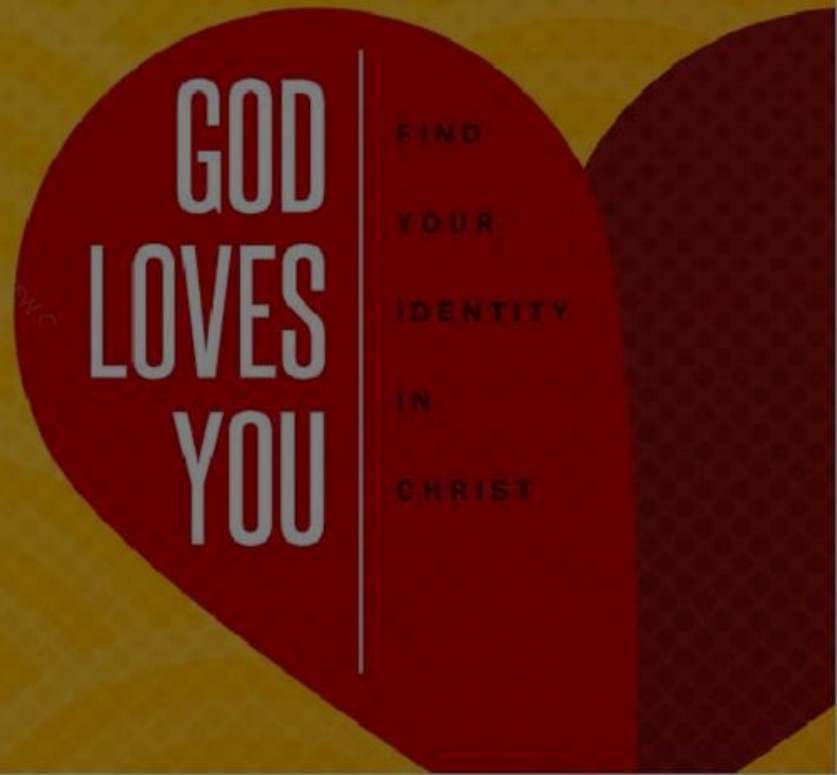
Don't stop with your clothes, tear your heart also.

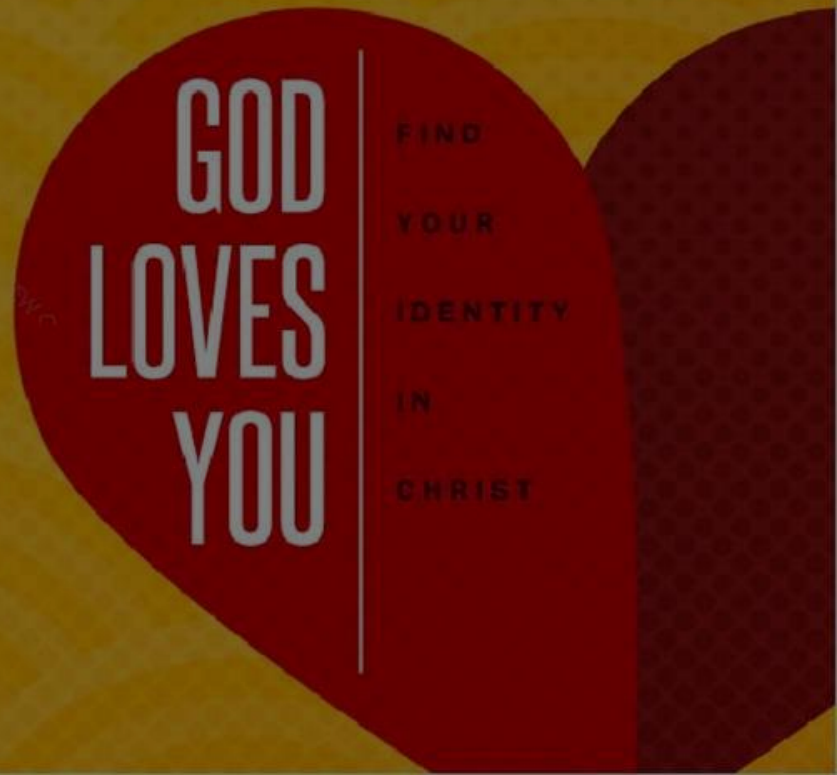
Tearing

Condition White
Condition Yellow
Condition Orange
Condition Red



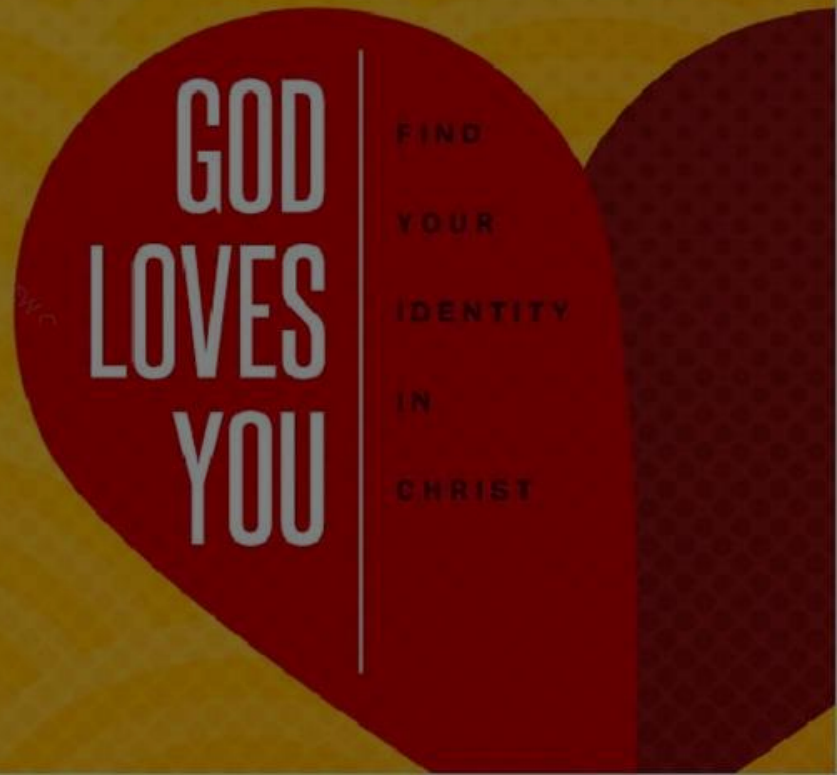
Condition White

The soldier is relaxed and daydreaming, unaware of his surroundings.
A Christian in this condition is easy prey for Satan.



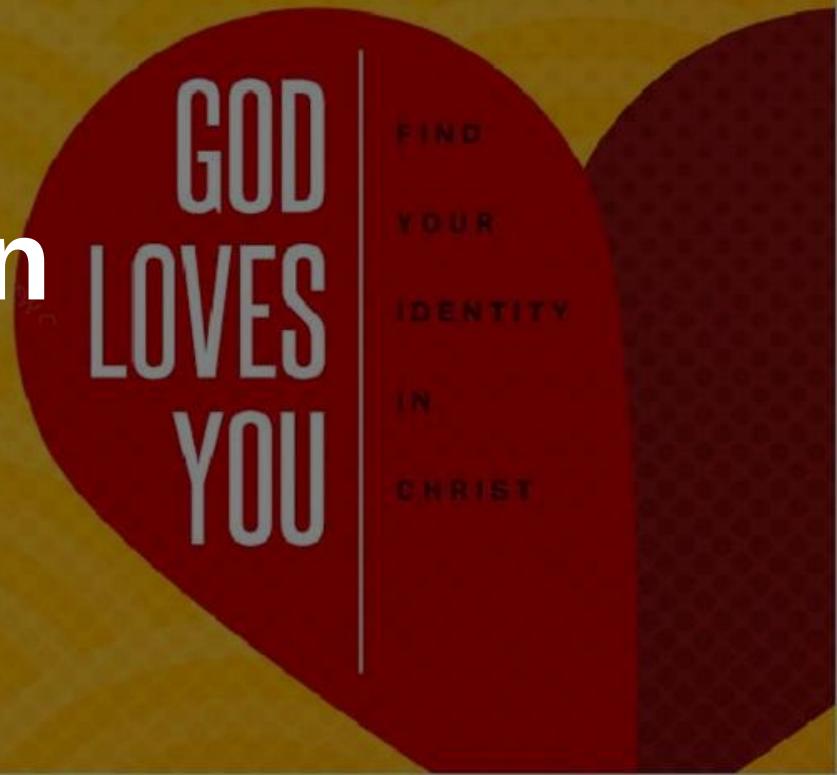
Condition Yellow

The soldier is relaxed physically but alert mentally. A believer at this level may sense trouble coming, but he's not ready to confront it.



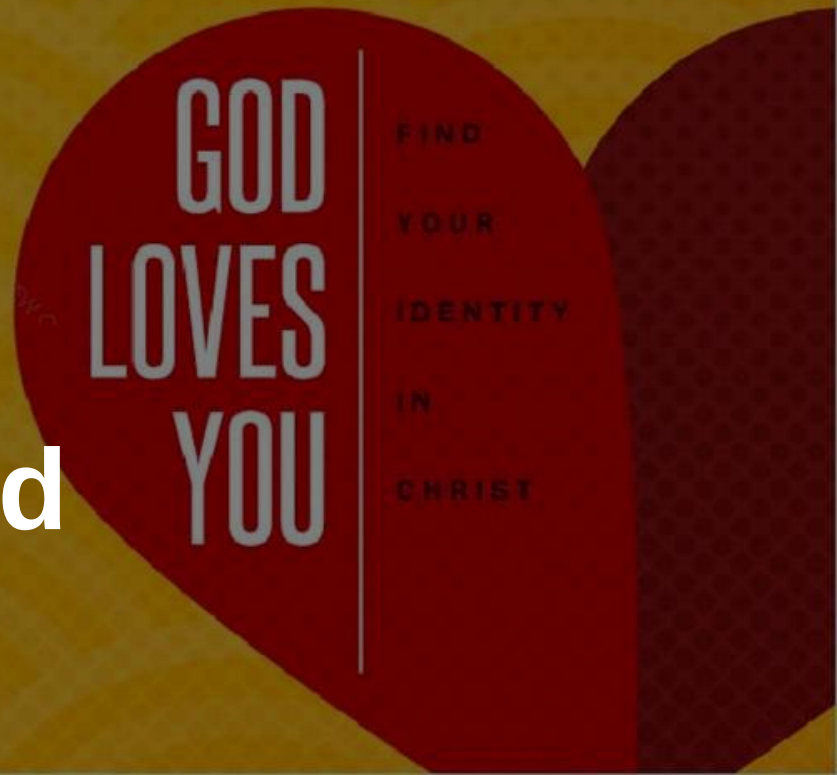
Condition Orange

The soldier is physically prepared, mentally alert, and ready to fight.
A believer at this stage has on the full armor of God.



Condition Red

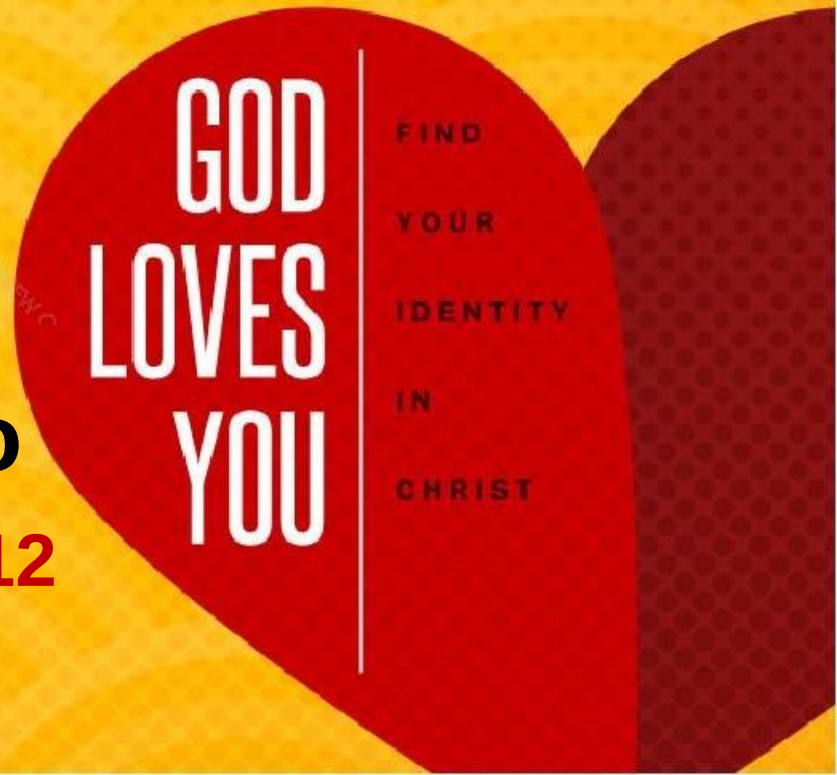
As in condition orange, the soldier is ready to fight. The difference is experience.
A battle-seasoned Christian knows quickly what to do because of his experience and familiarity with Scripture.



Repentance & Forgiveness

But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners. Matthew 9:13

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Matthew 6:12



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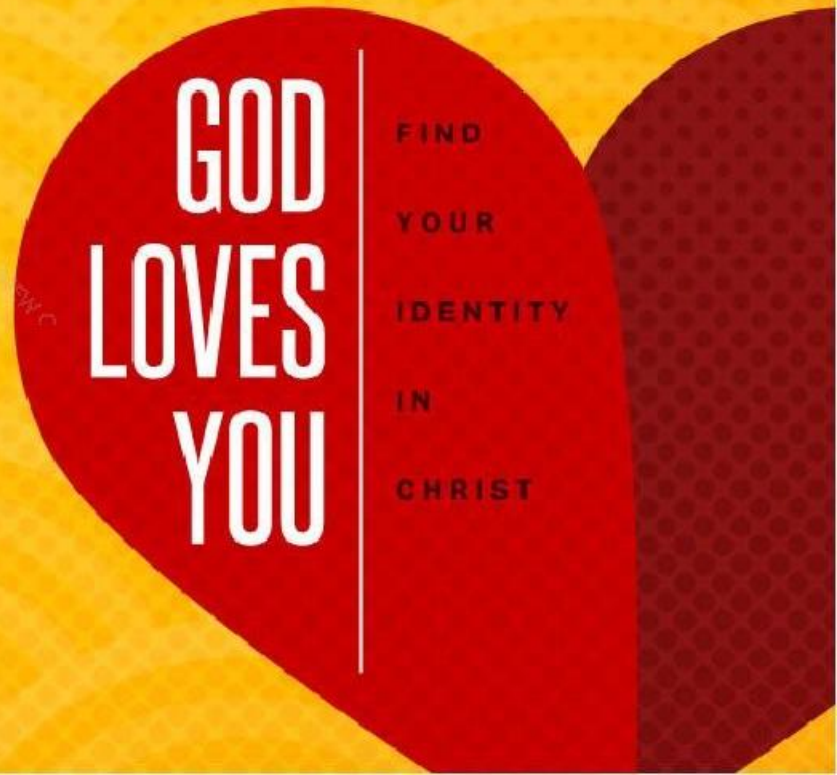
By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. **John 13:35**