

# The Believer's Desire for God

*Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. (John 15:16)*

If ever a sinner has any desire, longing or love for God, it does not originate in the sinner but comes from the power and love of God to the sinner. The believer's desire for God comes only as a result of God the Father's electing love, Christ's redemption for us upon the cross, and the Holy Spirit's quickening power to shed abroad the love of God in our hearts.

Therefore, believer, let us long, desire and love the Lord our God. Let us ever live by looking only to Christ and setting all our affection on him as all our salvation.

And though we love our God and trust in Christ our Savior with all our hearts, yet we freely confess: We love Him because He first loved us (1 John 4:10;19)!

-Fred Evans