

We do not deserve God's mercy, let alone His love. But such is His "great love" that He gave His only begotten Son who died in our stead.

By His death and resurrection, (for He triumphed over death, having fully paid the penalty for our sins) He has made provision whereby we can stand before God without sin and without fear, in perfect righteousness.

In conclusion, we see that from the dawn of time God has taken the initiative toward sinful man.

He **came** to the garden where they hid in guilty fear.

His voice rang out **calling** them from their hiding place.

He **provided** the means by which they could be made fit for His Holy Presence.

His delights are with the sons of men.