

## John 10:17-18

For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

## Luke 4:29-30

And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.

But passing through their midst, he went away.

## Matthew 26:52-53

Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels?”

“At every point where it looks like I was under constraint—every moment where it looks like I was being forced to do what I did not want to do—I was not being forced. I was choosing it. I was embracing it. Indeed I and my Father were orchestrating it.”

– John Piper



## Romans 5:8

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

If Christ loved us because we loved him,  
He would love us only so long as we  
love Him, and on that condition; and  
then our salvation would depend on the  
constancy of our treacherous hearts. But  
as God loved us as sinners, as Christ  
died for us as ungodly, our salvation  
depends, as the apostle argues, not on  
our loveliness, but on the constancy of  
the love of God.

– Charles Hodge

