John 16:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

> For the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God.

Analysis

For the Father himself loveth you (αὐτὸς γὰρ ὁ πατὴρ φιλεῖ ὑμᾶς)—Notice the verb here is phileō (φιλεῖ), indicating affectionate friendship-love, not the usual agapaō. The Father's love for believers mirrors a father's tender affection for children. The word "himself" (αὐτὸς/autos) emphasizes the Father's direct, personal love—not mediated or reluctant, but immediate and warm.

Because ye have loved me (ὅτι ὑμεῖς ἐμὲ πεφιλήκατε)—Again phileō, suggesting genuine affection and attachment to Christ. The perfect tense (πεφιλήκατε/pephilēkate) indicates an ongoing state resulting from past action—their love for Jesus has become an established reality. **And have believed that I came out from God** (πεπιστεύκατε ὅτι ἐγὼ παρὰ θεοῦ ἐξῆλθον)—The perfect tense of "believed" (πεπιστεύκατε/pepisteukate) likewise shows settled conviction. True faith grasps Christ's divine origin and mission.

Historical Context

This teaching would have been revolutionary for first-century Judaism. While the Old Testament revealed God's covenant love for Israel, the idea that the Father personally loves individual disciples with tender affection—because of their love for and faith in Jesus—was astonishing. This wasn't the distant deity of Greek philosophy or the fearsome Judge of distorted religion, but a Father who delights in His children who trust His Son.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. How does understanding the Father's direct, affectionate love for you (not merely tolerating you for Christ's sake) change your relationship with God?
2. What is the connection between loving Jesus and being loved by the Father—does our love earn His, or does His love enable ours?
3. How does genuine belief in Christ's divine origin affect our daily trust and obedience?

Interlinear Text

αὐτὸς	γὰρ	ὁ	πατὴρ	πεφιλήκατε	ὑμᾶς	ὅτι	ὑμεῖς
himself	For	G3588	the Father	have loved	you	because	ye
G846	G1063		G3962	G5368	G5209	G3754	G5210

ἐμὲ	πεφιλήκατε	καὶ	πεπιστεύκατε	ὅτι	ἐγὼ	παρὰ	τοῦ
me	have loved	and	have believed	because	I	from	G3588
G1691	G5368	G2532	G4100	G3754	G1473	G3844	

θεοῦ	ἐξῆλθον
God	came out
G2316	G1831

Additional Cross-References

John 14:21 (Love): He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

John 14:23 (Love): Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

John 17:23 (Love): I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

1 Corinthians 16:22 (Love): If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

John 8:42 (Love): Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.

1 Peter 1:8 (Faith): Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1 John 4:19 (Love): We love him, because he first loved us.

Matthew 10:37 (Love): He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

John 16:30 (Faith): Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God.

2 Corinthians 5:14 (Love): For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: