

Charlie Brown's Plea

Charles Schulz, creator and author of the *Peanuts* cartoon characters, often planted a message in his comic strips.

In one strip, he conveys through Charlie Brown the need we have to be loved, and through Lucy our inability to love one another.

Charlie Brown and Lucy are leaning over the proverbial fence speaking to one another
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Charlie: "All it would take to make me happy is to have someone say he likes me."

Lucy: "Are you sure?"

Charlie: "Of course I'm sure!"

Lucy: "You mean you'd be happy if someone merely said he or she likes you? Do you mean to tell me that someone has it within his or her power to make you happy merely by doing such a thing?"

Charlie: "Yes! That's exactly when I mean!"



Lucy: "Well, I don't think that's asking too much. I really don't." Now standing face to face, Lucy asks one more time, "But you're sure now? All you want is to have someone say, 'I like you, Charlie Brown,' and then you'll be happy?"

Charlie: "And then I'll be happy!"

Lucy turns and walks away, saying, "I can't do it!"

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Here's the good news for us: What Lucy cannot do, sinful as she is, God does.

What Charlie Brown needs, lost and alone as he is, God supplies.



And I am saying to you – yes, you, as you are reading this *Perspective* – God loves you and is telling you today: "I love you!"

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You are His masterpiece, created in His image, and you are important to Him. Let that assurance guide you through a day filled with peaks and valleys, triumphs and challenges.

It's called life. Just know that God has your back. Because He loves you.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not suffer but have everlasting life (John 3:16 NKJV).

And that is powerful, eternal love, indeed!

– Beecher Hunter