

God is Love

Agapē - Part 2

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“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” - A.W. Tozer.

God is _____.

*“⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because **love is from God**, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.”* 1 John 4:7-8 (CSB)

Love is who God is. Everything He does is love.

Nothing pulls stronger or longer than God’s agapē.

*“**God’s love** was **revealed** among us in this way: God **sent** His one and only Son into the world so that we might live through Him.”* 1 John 4:9 (CSB)

#1 - God’s Love is Visible.

*“¹⁶For God **so loved** the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.”* John 3:16-17 (CSB)

*“The Word became flesh and **dwelt among us**.”* John 1:14 (CSB)

*“The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and **the exact expression of His nature**, sustaining all things by His powerful word. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”* Hebrews 1:3 (CSB)

Jesus is what God has to say.

Jesus is God’s love on display.

#2 - God’s Love is Intentional.

#3 - God’s Love is Sacrificial.

The cross of Jesus is the ultimate expression of God’s agapē and sacrifice for humanity.

*“Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that **He loved us** ... ”* 1 John 4:10 (CSB)

#4 - God’s Love Serves the Unlovable.

*“... and **sent His Son** to be the **atoning sacrifice** for our sins.”* 1 John 4:11 (CSB)

#5 - God's Love **Atones** for the **Sinful**.

*"He made the one who did not know sin to **be sin for us**, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." 2 Corinthians 5:21 (CSB)*

#6 - God's Love is **Eternal**.

Love is Jesus **with you and Jesus **for** you from now through **eternity**.**

*"³⁵Who can separate us from the **agapē** of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written: Because of you we are being put to death all day long; we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered. ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the **agapē** of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:35-39 (CSB)*

We are the object of God's relentless obsession. He will not stop loving us, because He will never stop being love.

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