

Know God - Love

Looking for love in the right place

God is love

1 John 4:7-8, 16

This is not to say God is only love, or love & God are **identical**

infinite ⇒ His love is without **limit** or bounds

holy ⇒ His love absolutely **pure**

just ⇒ His love is always **fair**

immense ⇒ love is incomprehensibly **vast**

Love is expressed within **Himself**

John 3:35

John 5:20

Galatians 5:22-23

Love is expressed toward His creatures

Romans 5:5-8 (cf Jn 3:16-17)

Love described

God's love is giving

God's love is sacrificial

God's love always seeks what is best

God's love never selfish, always serving

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

How do we measure God's love?

The cross of Christ (1 Jn 4:9)

The prophet Hosea

God's love is persistent and pursuing

Love is costly

God doesn't love you because of what you do or
what you are

God's love does not give up.

The prodigal son and God's math

Challenges to understanding God's love:

self-centered view of God's love

love as emotion vs. love as verb

3 commands

Undergirding principle (1 Jn 4:19)

Love God (Deut 6:5; Mt 22:37-38)

Love neighbor (Mt 22:39-40)

Who is my neighbor? (Lu 10:30-37)

Love each other as Christ loved us (Jn 13:34-35; 1 Jn 4)

A specific subset (Eph 5:25)

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