

WHAT GOD'S LOVE IS
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Introduction

There are many things that we could say about our **GOD!**

We could talk of **HOW VAST GOD IS!** (The **BIBLE** reveals to us that **HE IS OMNIPRESENT!** **HIS** universe is **BIG**, in fact we still don't know how **BIG** it is, but **HE** is **BIGGER** than the universe that **HE CREATED!**)

We could talk of **HOW SMART GOD IS!** (The **BIBLE** reveals to us that **HE IS OMNISCIENT!** **ALL** of **HIS CREATION**—from the tiniest sub-particle of an atom to the largest object of **HIS CREATION**—shows **HIS WISDOM** and **KNOWLEDGE!**)

Job 5:9 and 9:10—“Which doeth great things past finding out; Yea, and wonders without number.”

Romans 11:33—“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!”

Ecclesiastes 3:11—“He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.”

We could talk of **HOW POWERFUL GOD IS!** (The **BIBLE** reveals that **HE IS OMNIPOTENT, ALMIGHTY GOD!** Just think of the **POWER HE** unleashed to bring forth **HIS CREATION!**)

We could talk of many other things about **GOD** but we would **NEVER** be able to exhaust the subject of **HIM**, in fact we could only begin to scratch the surface of **HIS PERSON!**

With **VALENTINE'S DAY** just two days away and with many folks thinking about and focused on **LOVE** this week, I thought it appropriate that we look at just one single, solitary attribute of **GOD**—**THAT BEING GOD'S LOVE!**

Now understand that even in focusing on this one attribute, there is no way we can exhaust this great subject! We are just scratching the service here, but in the time we have here this morning let's begin to look at some **GREAT** things about **WHAT GOD'S LOVE IS!**

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- I. GOD'S LOVE IS UNDERLYING!** “*For God so loved. . .*”
GOD'S LOVE underlies **HIS NATURE** and **ALL** that **HE IS!**
It is a very important part of **WHO HE IS!**

1 John 4:8 “He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love..”

1 John 4:16—“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him”

GOD IS LOVE; therefore, **HE LOVES!** **HE ACTS IN LOVE!**
HE DEMONSTRATES or **MANIFESTS HIS LOVE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH MANKIND!** i.e. **HE SHOWS HIS LOVE!**

CHRIST on the **CROSS OF CALVARY** was the **GREATEST EXPRESSION** of that **LOVE!** In fact it **IS** the **GREATEST EXPRESSION** of **LOVE** by an **INDIVIDUAL** ever!

- II. GOD'S LOVE IS UNADULTERATED!**
(i.e. **UNPOLLUTED, PURE**) (*1 Corinthians 13:4-8*)

- III. GOD'S LOVE IS UNPRECEDENTED!**
GOD was the very **FIRST** one to **TRULY LOVE!** **GOD'S LOVE** for us began before the world began! **HIS LOVE** was **EXPRESSED** or **MANIFESTED** in **REDEMPTION'S PLAN** was instituted sometime in eternity past!

Ephesians 1:3-4—“3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:”

There has never been anyone, nor will there ever be anyone, who can or will **LOVE** us like **GOD LOVED US** and **LOVES US!**

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GOD'S LOVE is not like our **LOVE** or the **LOVE** of others in this world! **GOD** didn't decide that **HE** was going to **LOVE** us because we **LOVED HIM!**

1 John 4:19—"We love him, because he first loved us."

UNPRECEDENTED

IV. **GOD'S LOVE IS UNBIASED!** *"For God so loved the world."*

Now understand that **GOD** doesn't **LOVE** the world system or the world's sin, but **HE DOES LOVE ALL OF MANKIND!**

As a child I was taught the song "*Jesus Loves The Little Children.*"

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world."*

GOD'S LOVE applies not only to children, but to **ALL** age groups!

GOD'S LOVE applies not only to one race, but to **ALL** races!

GOD'S LOVE applies not only to the middle class, but to the rich and the poor!

GOD'S LOVE applies not only to the powerful, but to the weak!

GOD'S LOVE applies not only to the popular, but even to those who are despised by others! **i.e. GOD'S LOVE is UNIVERSAL!**

V. **GOD'S LOVE IS UNRIVALED** (AND THEREFORE, IT IS **UNSURPASSED!**)

Thank **GOD** we can know **LOVE** from any number of people in our life:

The **LOVE** of **PARENTS!**

The **LOVE** of **FRIENDS!**

The **LOVE** of a **SPOUSE!**

The **LOVE** of our **CHILDREN!**

The **LOVE** of our **GRANDCHILDREN!**

Again, I say, **NO ONE** has ever **LOVED** us or ever will **LOVE** us the way that **GOD LOVES** us! No one else's **LOVE** can ever be at the same level as **GOD'S LOVE!**

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VI. **GOD'S LOVE IS UNDESERVED!**

Romans 5:6-8—"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

We come to **LOVE** people for different reasons.

Sometimes it is because of:

FELLOWSHIP

RELATIONSHIP

But, **GOD LOVED** us when we were at **ENMITY** with **HIM!**

Romans 5:10—"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life."

When the relationship with man had been broken because of **SIN,**

GOD made a way for that relationship to be restored!

VII. **GOD'S LOVE IS UNSELFISH!**

Romans 5:8—"...Christ died for us."

1 John 3:16—"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us."

1 John 4:9—"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

VIII. **GOD'S LOVE IS UNDERESTIMATED!**

I have had folks ask me, "*Preacher, do you think God could love me?*"

A question like that shows a person who doesn't really understand the greatness of **GOD** or **HIS LOVE.**

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I've had other folks just plainly state that they did not believe **GOD** could **LOVE** them. They **underestimated** the **LOVE of GOD!**

Someone once put it this way, "**GOD can save from the guttermost to the uttermost.**"

Psalm 2:8—"Ask of me, And I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, And the **uttermost parts of the earth** for thy possession."

Acts 1:8—"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, **and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**"

Hebrews 7:25—"Wherefore he is able also to save them to the **uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."

IX. GOD'S LOVE IS UNFEIGNED (OR UNHYPOCRITICAL!)

Some folks **SAY** they **LOVE** you but their **ACTIONS** show something different. Our **LOVE for GOD** is to be shown through our **ACTIONS!**

John 14:15—"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

Some folks pretend to **LOVE**, but in the end their supposed **LOVE** reveals itself as **HYPOCRITICAL!**

GOD'S LOVE is not **HYPOCRITICAL!** **HIS LOVE** is **GENUINE!** **HIS LOVE** is the **REAL** deal!

X. GOD'S LOVE IS UNQUESTIONABLE!

There should never be any question as to whether **GOD LOVES** us or not!

GOD, WHO cannot lie, has left us **HIS INFALLIBLE WORD** declaring that **HE LOVES** us! And **GOD**, proved **HIS LOVE** with the **BLOOD of HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON!**

Don't ever doubt **GOD'S LOVE!** (Don't be like Israel! *Malachi 1:2*)

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XI. GOD'S LOVE IS UNENDING! (i.e. UNDYING, UNFAILING, AND UNCEASING!)
HIS LOVE is ETERNAL! It is as **ETERNAL** as **GOD!**
It is **EVERLASTING!**

No one will ever be able to stand before **GOD** and declare that they were not **LOVED** by **HIM!**

Conclusion

For GOD so **LOVED** that **HE GAVE...**

Listen, the **LOVE of GOD** will do a sinner no good unless he knows about it!
Romans 10:13-15—"13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent?"

We who have experienced **GOD'S LOVE** must **SHOW** others **GOD'S LOVE** and **TELL** others of **GOD'S LOVE!**

We can only do that because we are partakers of **HIS DIVINE NATURE!**

The **LOVE OF GOD** will do a **SINNER** no good unless he responds to it!

Have you responded to the **LOVE OF GOD?**

If not, what are you waiting for?