

Title: True Love
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Word

God's love according to God... (Scripture)

Authority of scripture

John 1:1-3

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men"

1 John 5:7

"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."

2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

Topics

1. Man apart from the grace of God (Jesus Christ) and Why did Jesus had to die.
2. This is True Love

Man apart from the grace of god (Jesus Christ)

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

We need to realize who we are in comparison to God... not others!

Psalm 24:7

"Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in"

Rev 19:4

"And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!" And from the throne came a voice saying, "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great." Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

Rev 21:21-27

"And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day--and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Our state or condition

Who we are:

Sinners (we are Not like God)

Romans 3:23

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...”

Ecclesiastes 7:20

“Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins”

1 John 1:8

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”

Wicked/enemy of God

Genesis 6:5

“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Isaiah 64:6

“We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”

James 4:4

“You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.”

God’s nature vs our nature

God is Just.....We are not
God is Righteous.....We are not
God is Holy..... We are not
God is.....We are not

Apart from the grace of God, apart from Jesus Christ, we are nothing!
That is why Christ had to die.

What Jesus did for us

- **Atonement**
 - the work of making enemies be at peace; reconciliation
- **Redemption**
 - Buy back or pay in Full
- **Propitiation**
 - Sacrifice of Christ that appeased or turned aside the divine wrath

Atonement:

Romans 5:11

“More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation/atonement.”

2Co 5:17-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Redemption:

Psalm 34:22

“The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.”

Luke 1:68-69

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David..."

Galatians 4:5

“...to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”

Isaiah 52:9

“Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem.”

Propitiation:

Romans 3:25

“...whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.”

Hebrews 2:17

“Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

1 John 2:2

“He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

This is true love:

“This distortion of divine love into an endorsement of self-admiration is subtle. It creeps into our most religious acts. We claim to be praising God because of his love for us. But if his love for us is at bottom his making much of us, who is really being praised? We are willing to be God-centered, it seems, as long as God is man-centered. We are willing to boast in the cross as long as the cross is a witness to our worth. Who then is our pride and joy? “– John Piper

Romans 5:8

““But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit”

1 John 4:10

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”