

God is Love



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- The Study of the Attributes of God
 - The Attributes of God – the inherent characteristics of God.
 - The purpose: is to draw us closer to God.
 - The goal: To make us aware of God's great love for us.
 - Spiritual Principle: Authority, Unconditional love, Agreement, Faith, Grace
- Lessons Taught:
1. God Is Faithful - Deuteronomy 7:1-9
 - What does it mean to say God is faithful? (Psalm 100:5)
 - The word "faithful" means reliable, fidelity, firmness, stability, trustworthy, dependable or true to one's word.
 - Faithfulness points directly to God's divine nature and character. God is not trying to be faithful – He is faithful.
 - Faithfulness is essential to His very being, without it He wouldn't be God.

 2. Good is Good – Luke 18:19
 - A. Unchanging truth about God. God is good in and of Himself.
 - God's goodness has no expiration date.
 - God never has to add anything to Himself to make Him better or good. (Psalm 34:8, 33:5, 145:9, 119:68)
 - B. God is good in all of His ways. (Genesis 1:1-31, 3:15)
 - God reveals His goodness right from the very beginning of creation. Both before and after the fall of man in the garden. (Genesis 1:1-31, 3:15)

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- Detailed throughout this wonderful book called the Bible is stories of His love for all mankind. It revealed the Creator's love for the creature which is man.

- Love is one of God's attributes. It's who He is.
 - When God says He is love, He is revealing to us that love is an essential part of His nature and character.
 - If you truly want to know what is the very essence of love – “You first have to start with God and God alone.”
- Here are Seven Characteristics of God's Amazing Love:
1. God's love is unconditional. (Deuteronomy 7:7-8, Romans 5:8-9, 25-29)
 - This is known as the Agape love – the God kind of love. God is love – He needs no reason to love. It's a selfless love.
 2. God's love is eternal. (Jeremiah 31:3-4)
 - God is the start of everything, before God made the heavens and the earth, He already existed.
 3. God's love can never be separated from a believer's life. (Romans 8:35-39)
 - No one or nothing can separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ.
 4. God's love is never based upon what we do but who He is. (1 John 3:1-2)
 - (1 John 3:1-2) ¹Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God!
 5. God's love never changes. (Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8)
 - God's eternal love for us remains consistent, constant and strong. It can never be weakened; never ever will it fade.
 - We should never doubt God's love, simply believe it, and receive His amazing love into your heart through Jesus Christ.

6. God's love is sacrificial. (John 3:16, John 15:12-13, 1 John 3:16-18, Galatians 2:20)
- God gave us His best that was His Son Jesus Christ. (John 3:16)
 - God sent His Son from Heaven's glory to earth to die in our place and pay a price that we couldn't pay – the debt for our sins.
7. God's love should be expressed, reflected and shared with others. (1 John 4:7-12)
- The world will know that we are Christ's disciples by the love we have for one another. (John 13:34-35)
 - We are to love one another. (1 John 4:11)
 - We are to love each other at all cost. (John 15:13, 1 John 3:15-16, Colossians 3:12-15)
 - We are to abound in love for each other. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
 - We are to love and pray for our enemies. (Luke 6:27-28)
 - We are to love by being patient with one another. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)