

# What is Love

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**“There will never be a greater example of God’s love and His character than the cross.”**

**Rick Joyner**

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## **1 John 3:1 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

## **John 3:16 (NKJV)**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- Love is a fruit

## **Galatians 5:22-26 (NKJV)**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

- God is love

## **1 John 4:7-11, 16-19 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for **God is love**.

<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) for our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

<sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

<sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

<sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

<sup>19</sup> We love Him because He first loved us.

## **Matthew 22:36-40 (NKJV)**

<sup>36</sup> "Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?"

<sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "*You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*"

<sup>38</sup> This is *the* first and great commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And *the* second *is* like it: '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*'

<sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

## **First mention of love in Bible**

### **Genesis 22:1-18 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."

<sup>2</sup> Then He said, "Take now your son, your only *son* Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

<sup>4</sup> Then on the third day Abraham lifted his eyes and saw the place afar off.

<sup>5</sup> And Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I will go yonder and worship, and we will come back to you."

<sup>6</sup> So Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid *it* on Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, and the two of them went together.

<sup>7</sup> But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son."

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Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where *is* the lamb for a burnt offering?"

<sup>8</sup> And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

<sup>9</sup> Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood.

<sup>10</sup> And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

<sup>11</sup> But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

<sup>12</sup> And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me."

<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind *him was* a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

<sup>14</sup> And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said *to* this day, "In the Mount of The LORD it shall be provided."

<sup>15</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

<sup>16</sup> and said: "By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son*--

<sup>17</sup> blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which *is* on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

### **1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 (AMP) (attributes of love)**

<sup>4</sup> Love **endures** long *and* is **patient** and **kind**; love **never is envious** *nor* **boils over with jealousy**, is **not boastful or vainglorious**, does not display itself **haughtily**.

<sup>5</sup> It is **not conceited** (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is **not rude** (unmannerly) *and* does **not act unbecomingly**. Love (God's love in us) does **not insist on its own rights or its own way**, *for* it is **not self-seeking**; it is **not touchy or fretful or resentful**; it **takes no account of the evil done to it** [it pays **no attention to a suffered wrong**].

<sup>6</sup> It does **not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness**, but **rejoices when right and truth prevail**.

<sup>7</sup> Love **bears up under anything and everything** that comes, is **ever ready to believe the best of every person**, its **hopes are fadeless under all circumstances**, and it **endures everything** [without weakening].

<sup>8</sup> Love **never fails** [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled *and* pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed *and* cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

<sup>13</sup> And so faith, hope, love abide [faith—conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love—true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us], these three; but the **greatest of these is love**.

### **John 17:20-26 (NKJV) 23, 26**

<sup>20</sup> "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word;

<sup>21</sup> that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

<sup>22</sup> And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

<sup>23</sup> I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that **You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me**.

<sup>24</sup> Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known

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that You sent Me.

<sup>26</sup> And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.**"

### **John 15:9-17, 26, 27 (NKJV)**

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

<sup>10</sup> If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

<sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

<sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.

<sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

<sup>27</sup> And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

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### **John 14:15 (NKJV)**

<sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, keep My commandments.

### **Acts 1:4-5, 8 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **Promise of the Father**, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;

<sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **John 14:26 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

### **John 15:26 (NKJV)**

<sup>26</sup> "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me.

### **John 16:7 (NKJV)**

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

### **Luke 24:49 (NKJV)**

<sup>49</sup> Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

It's Your love

And all the praise and glory to God

We sing Hallelujah sing Hallelujah

For the King has carried the cross

He is risen from the grave

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- The cross is the centre point of history
- A Royal relationship with God - Jack Hayford