

God is LOVE

God is – September 20, 2027 – Pastor Jason

Psalm 103:11 (NLT) *For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.*

1 John 4:7-8 (NLT) *7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

1 John 4:16 (NLT) *We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.*

1. God's love caused Jesus to give His LIFE for us.

1 John 4:9-10 (NLT) *9 God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

2. God's love causes the Holy Spirit not to LEAVE us as He found us.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT) *"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image."*

3. God's love causes us to love people UNRESERVEDLY just as He loves them.

1 John 4:11-12 (NLT) *11 Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. 12 No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.*

When we know who WE are, we can love other people as THEY are.

John 13:35 (NLT) *Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.*

John 15:12 (NLT) *This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you.*

1. Have you fully ACCEPTED the love of God in your life?

2. Are you fully **SHOWING** the love of God to the people in your life?

1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (NLT) *1 If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. 3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing. 4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. 6 It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. 8 Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!*

The nature of God's love is unchangeable. Ours alternates all too readily.

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"Human love is directed to the other person for his own sake; spiritual love loves him for Christ's sake." – **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

"Do not waste time bothering whether you "love" your neighbor; act as if you do. As soon as we do this, we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him." – **C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity**

1 John 4:17 (NLT) *And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.*

1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT) *"Do everything with love."*

Pastor's Blessing

- Be blessed as you choose to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.
- Be blessed as you choose to love people like Jesus, even when you don't feel it, allowing God's love to flow through you to everyone you meet.
- Be blessed as the Holy Spirit helps you do EVERYTHING in love.
- Be blessed today, and Jesus, bless this food and our fellowship, in your name.