

Lesson 6

The Doctrine of God

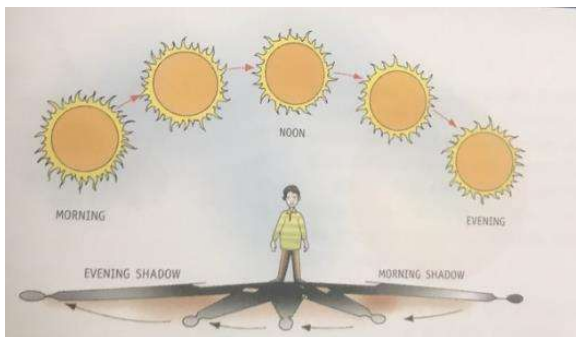
The Attributes of God

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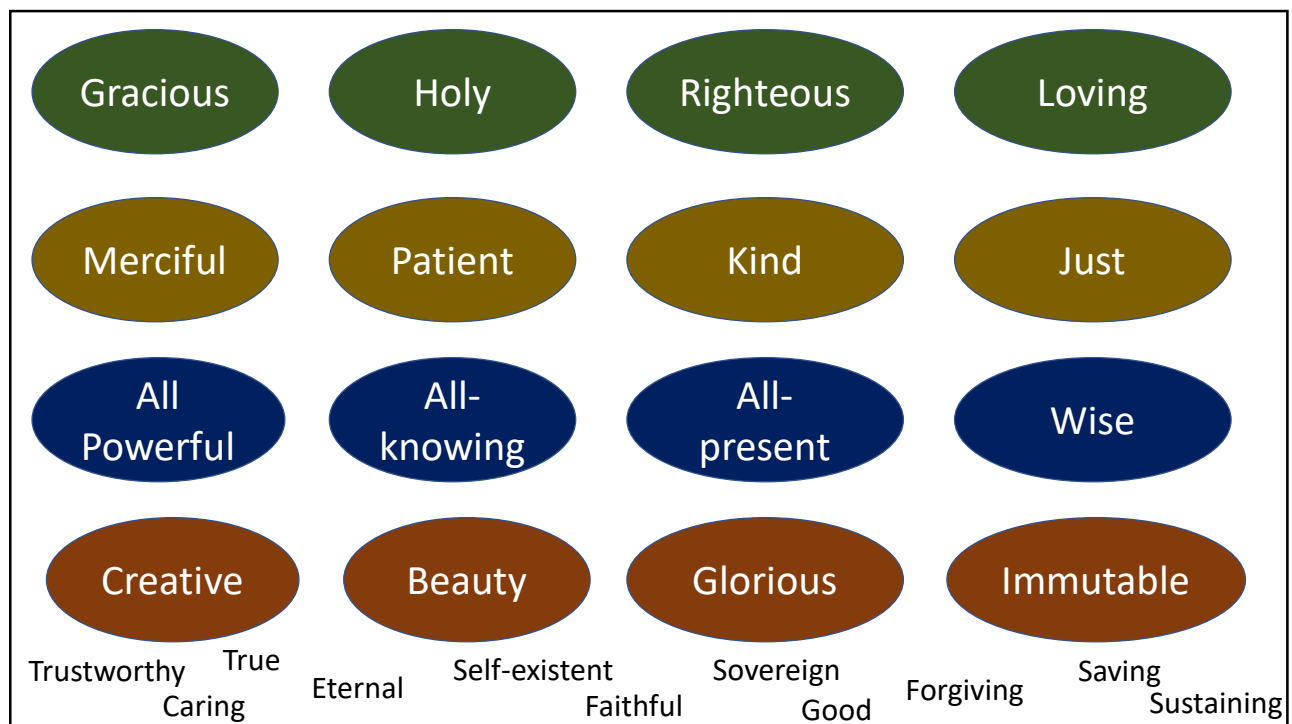
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Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is **no variation or shadow due to change**. (James 1:17)



"For I the LORD **do not change**; (Mal 3:6a)



Lesson 4: Attributes of God

Eternal
 Infinite
 Invisible
 Incomprehensible
 Immutable



Lesson 5: Attributes of God

Omnipresent

Omnipotent

Omniscient



Lesson 6: Attributes of God

Love

Holy

God is Love

God is the source of love

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

God is the definition of love



Christianity is the 'theology of love'

God is the essence of love
God is the source of love
God is the standard of love
God's love is the true love
God's love is the perfect love



God is love

Husband and Wife



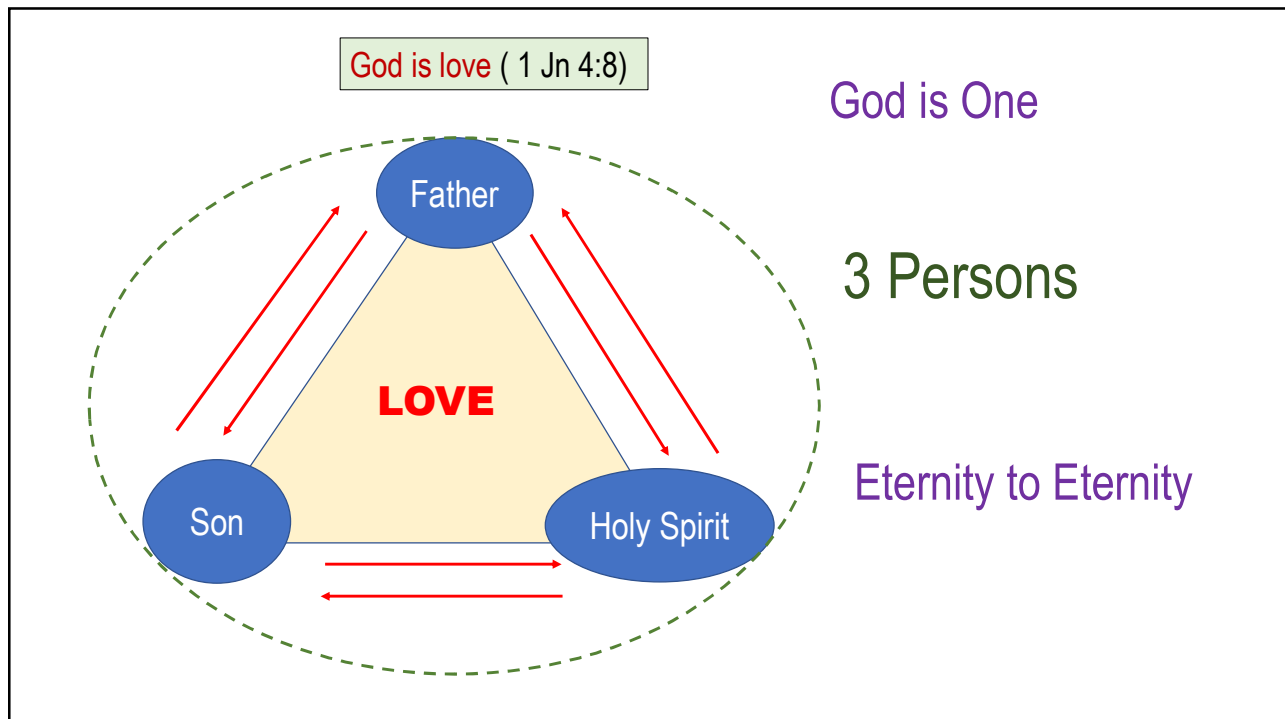
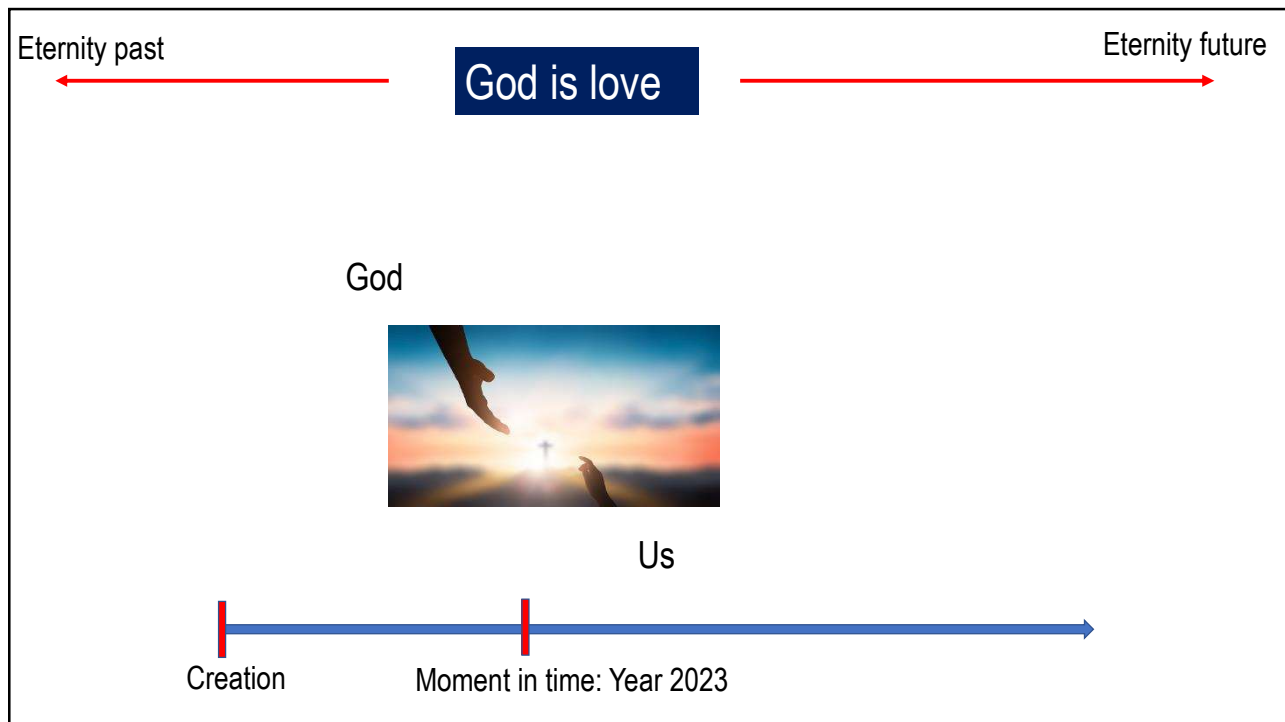
Love

God is love

God loves us

Person A

Person B



God Loves The Son

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." (Mat 3:17NIV)



Father's public testimony for His Son

Father declared love for His Son

Father affirmed favour for His Son

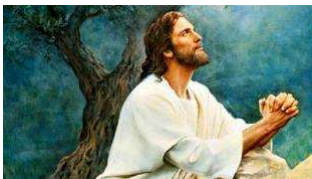
He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Mat 17:5)



The Transfiguration

Father declared love for His Son

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because **you loved me before the foundation of the world**. (John 17:24)



**Before
creation**



The Father loves the Son and has given **all things** into his hand. (John 3:35)

God The Father



God The Son

The Father promised to give a redeemed people (elects), to His Son

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. (Ps 2:7-8)

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Eternity past




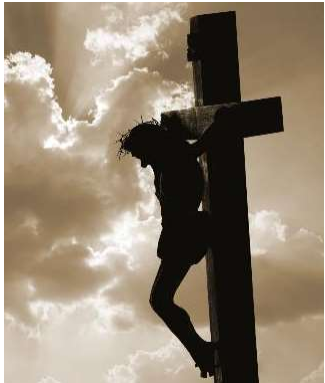
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Eternity future

The price is the life of The Son

The Son has to pay a price to redeem

.....for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, (Rev 5:9b)

*The chosen people will be from;
The Elect*

God The Father

Gift
The Elects;
The Redeemed;
The Holy Bride



God The Son

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and **his Bride** has made herself ready; (Rev 19:7)



Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you **the Bride**, the wife of the Lamb." (Rev 21:9)

even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. ... (Eph 1:4a)

Before creation



Creation starts



Today

The amazing love of God
was set in eternity past



.....written **before the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. (Rev 13:8b)



Creation starts

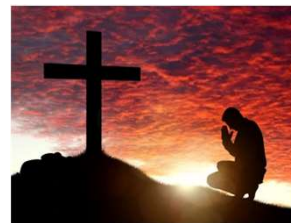
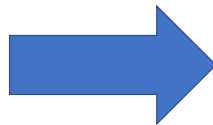


Today

And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father." (John 6:65)

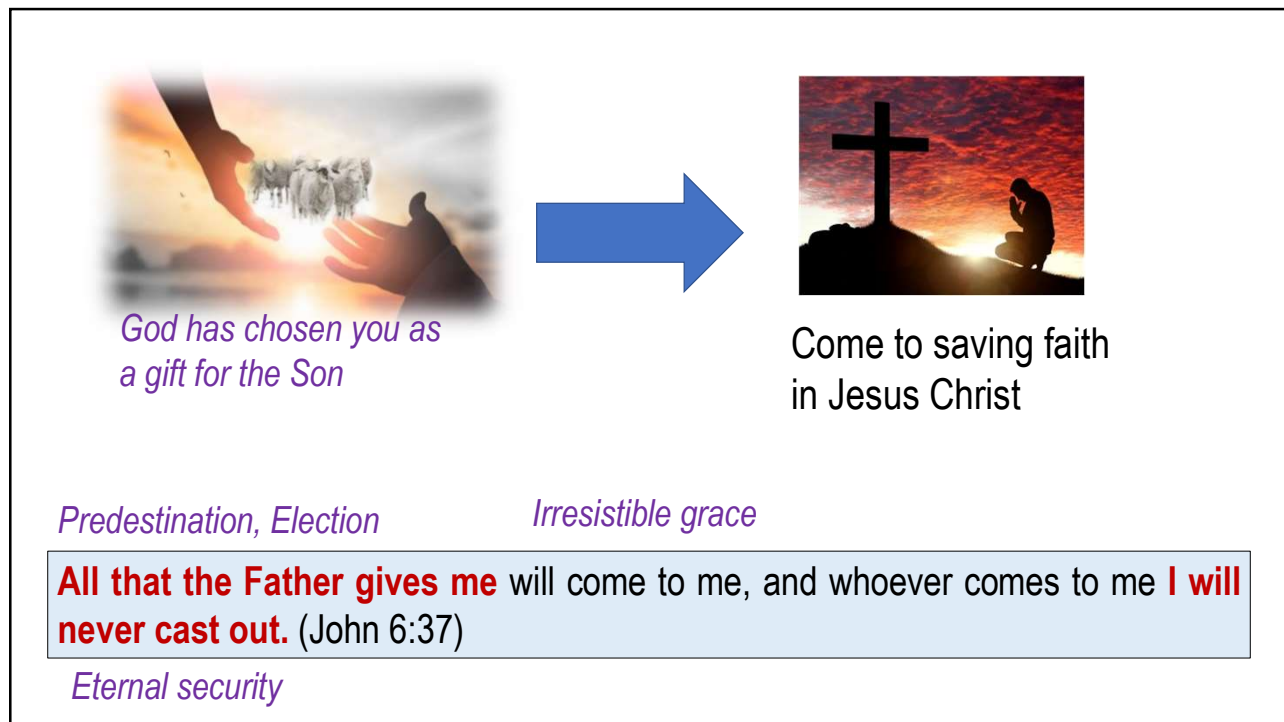


God has chosen you as a gift for the Son



Come to saving faith in Jesus Christ

Election is a humbling doctrine, not a stumbling doctrine





Yes, God loves His people, because God loves the Son first

Yes, God saves His people, because God desires them as a gift for His Son

Yes, God elects His people, because God wants them as the Bride of His Son

Yes, God wants His people in heaven, because God plans for them to worship the Son, love the Son, honour the Son and glorify the Son through all eternity

The Son loves The Father

but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that **I love the Father**. Rise, let us go from here. (John 14:31)

Jesus declared His love for His Father



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. (John 15:10)

Jesus showed His love for His Father by obedience

*We can show our love for the Lord by our obedience
By keeping His commandments*



And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming **obedient to the point of death**, even death on a cross. (Phi 2:8)

*Jesus showed us what is obedience,
surrender and submission*



The Spirit applies God's love

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love**, (Gal 5:22a)

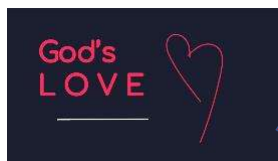


The Spirit's love is the love of God

...because **God's love** has been poured into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit** who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

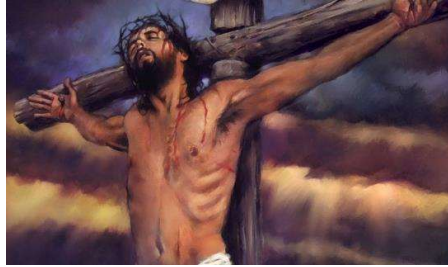


The Holy Spirit



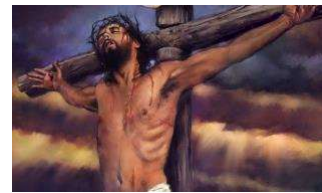
How can we know God's love?

God manifest His love to us



“For God **so loved the world**, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

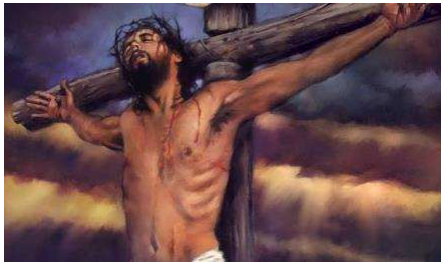
In this the **love of God** was made **manifest** among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. (1 John 4:9)



- God wants to show us His great love
- God gives His love (His Son), to us (act of love)
- God's love is true and practical, comes with real effective action

God initiates His love to us

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. (1 John 4:10)



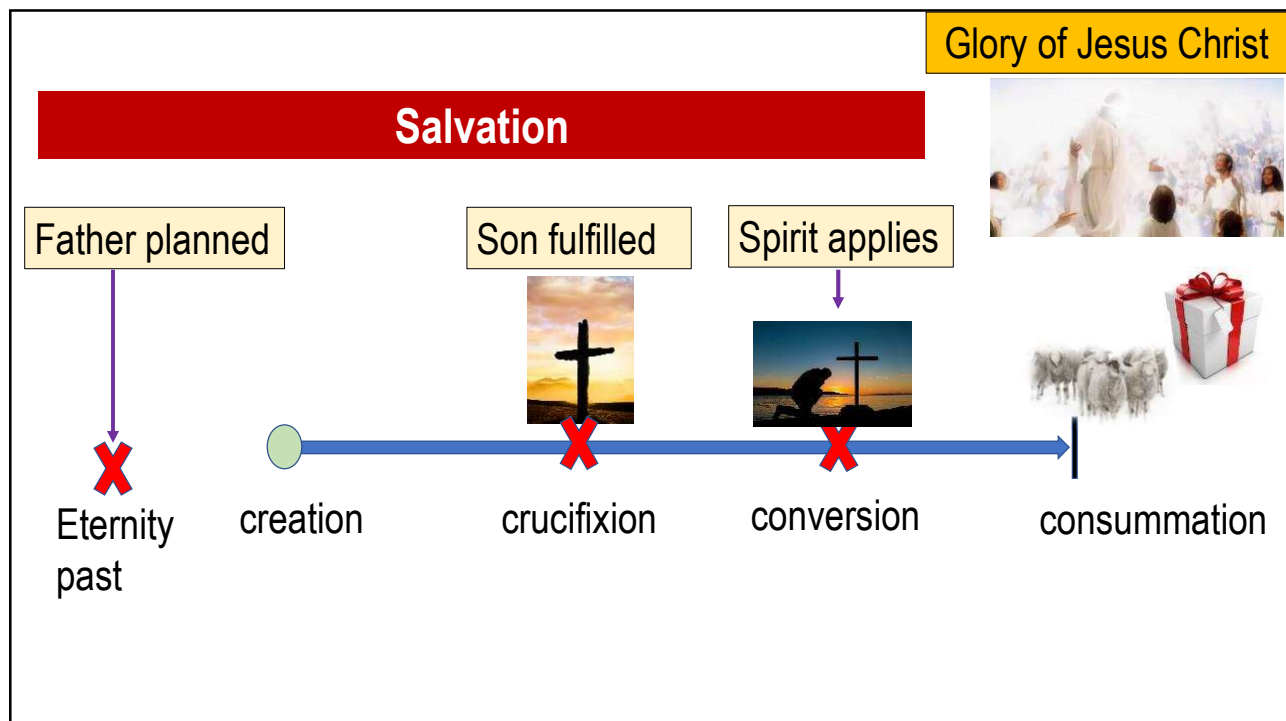
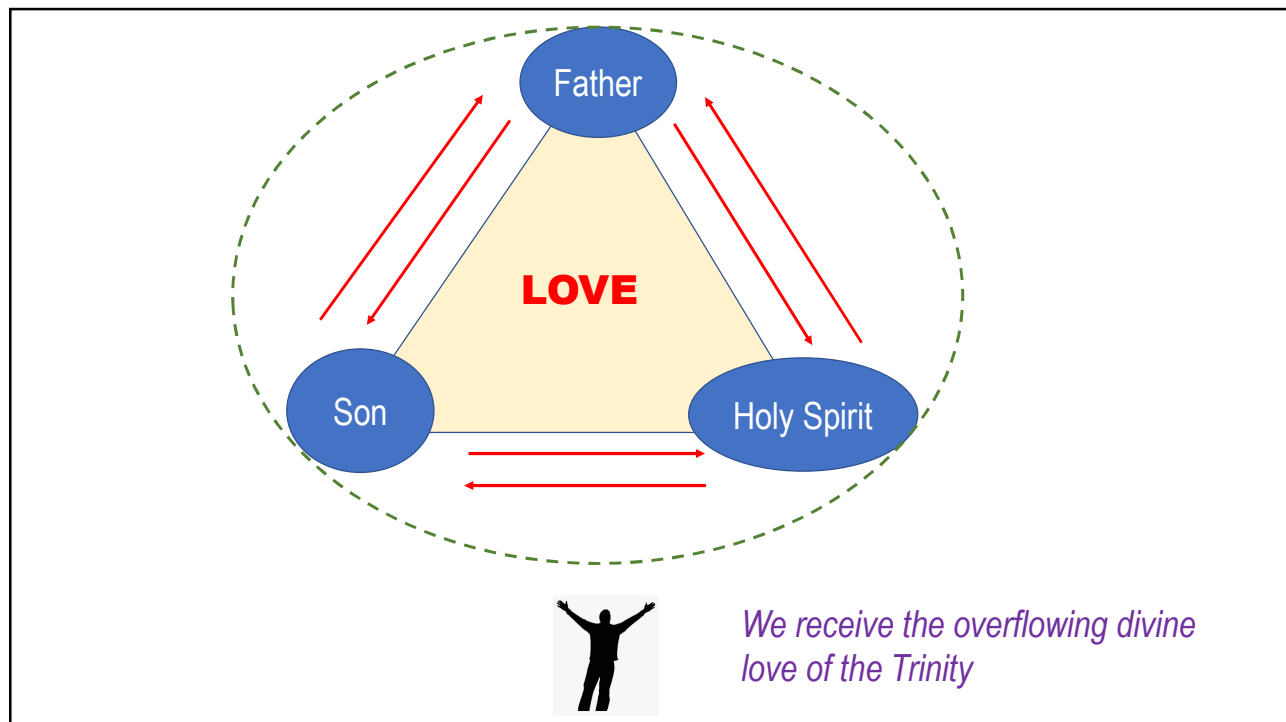
God loves us first and act out His love –
by sending His Son

Salvation is from God, not by our effort or
contribution or cooperation

but God **shows his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)



God displays His great attribute of **Infinite Love**



We ought to love

*We love, because
He first loved Us*

1 John 4:19

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is **love**. (1 Cor 13:13)



We ought to love God

We ought to love others

²⁸ And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The most important is, '**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.**' ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: '**You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:28-31)

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother.** (1 John 4:20-21)

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who **loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him.** (1 John 5:1)

Loves God

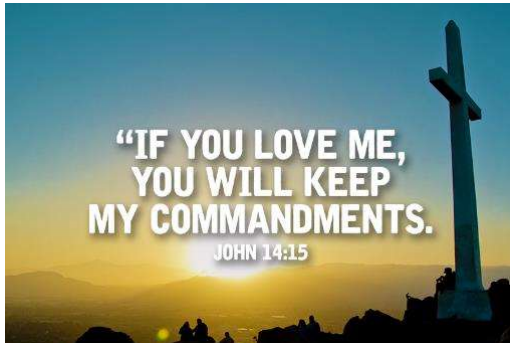
Loves fellow believers

NO ONE HAS EVER SEEN
GOD; BUT IF WE LOVE ONE
ANOTHER, GOD REMAINS
IN US, AND HIS LOVE IS
PERFECTED IN US.

- 1 JOHN 4:12

God's love should be
displayed in our lives





We display God's love
according to the Scripture



Love is based on God's word

Application

God loves us so much, do we love God?

If we love God, do we keep His commandments?

Do we display God's love in our lives?

Do we love our brothers and sisters in Christ?

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. (1 John 2:15-16)



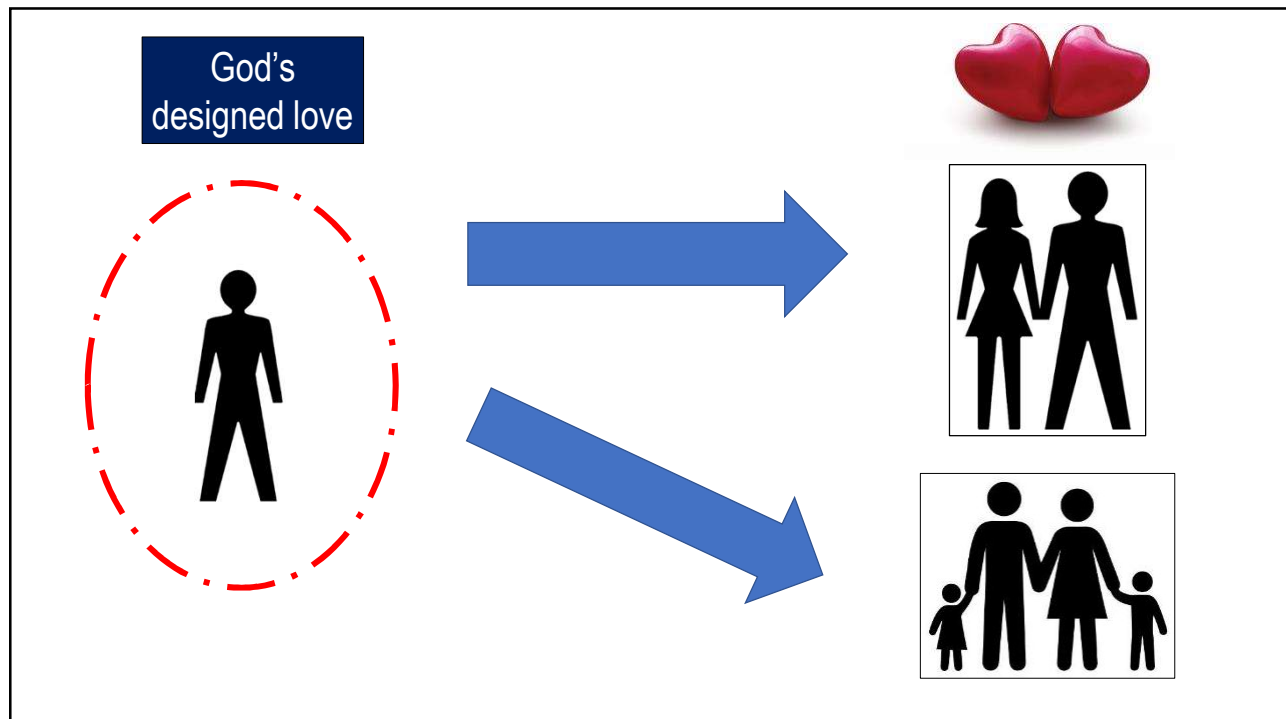
Lustful love

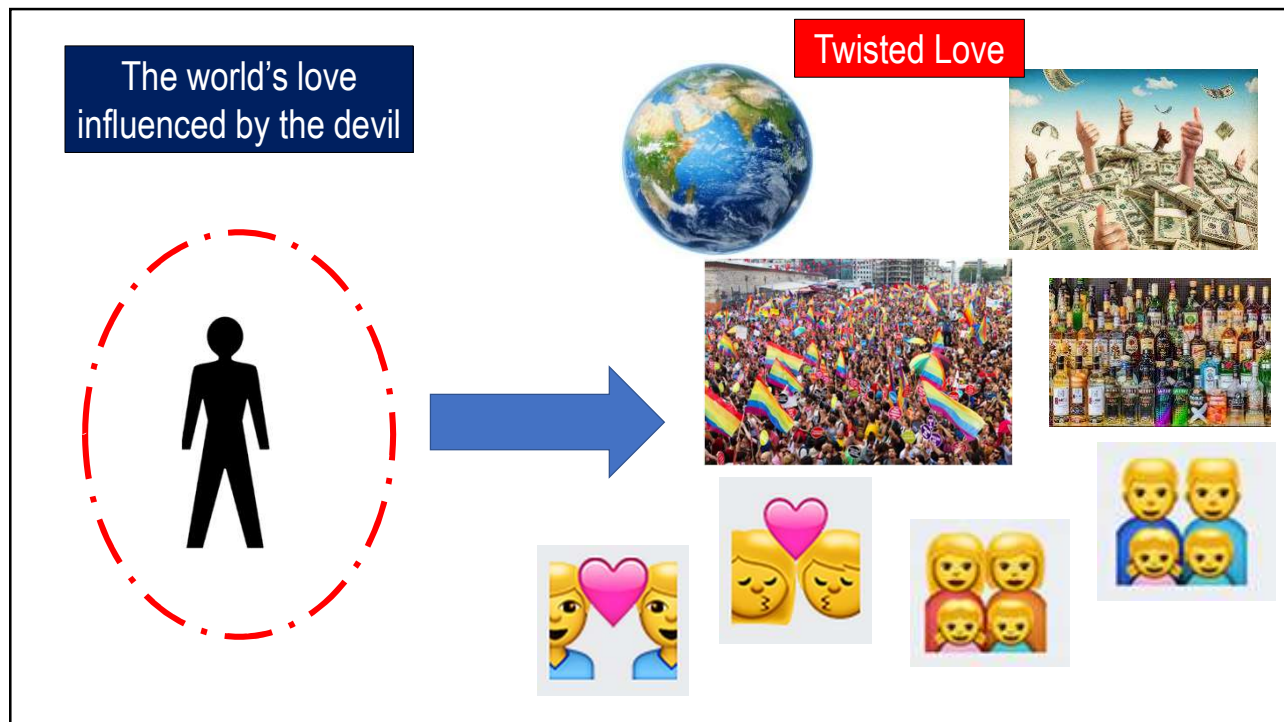


Twisted love



Selfish love





Application

Do we love the Word or the World?

Do we love holiness or sin?

Do we love eternal things or temporal pleasures?

God is Holy

The most significant attribute of God: **Holiness**

Only The True God can be known as Holy

“**Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!” (Isa 6:3b)

“**Holy, holy, holy**, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!” (Rev 4:8b)



“Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?

Who is like you, **majestic in holiness**,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? (Ex 15:11)

nobody

Nobody is holy like God



.....**Holy** and awesome is his name! (Ps 119:9b)

....the words of the **Holy One**. (Job 6:10b)

“There is **none holy like the Lord**:
for there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God. (1 Sam 2:2)

God's
holiness

"God doesn't conform to a holy standard, He is the standard. He's absolutely holy. He never does anything wrong. He never errs. He never makes a misjudgment. He never makes a mistake. He never makes something happen in your life that isn't the right thing to happen in your life, or it doesn't have a right end in mind. Always He does right."



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God, Why?
God, Why not?

God, I love you and obey you

Abraham said:

Shall not the Judge of all the earth **do what is just?**" (Gen 18:25)



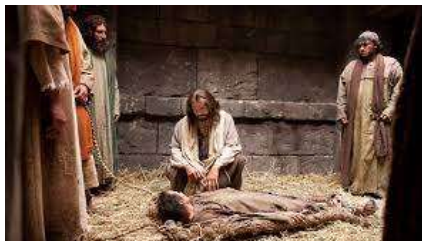
God is holy  God is just and upright

“The Rock, his work is **perfect**, for all his ways are **justice**.
A God of **faithfulness** and **without iniquity**, **just** and **upright** is he.
(Deut 32:4)

God does everything right and perfectly

For the LORD is righteous;
he loves righteous deeds;
the upright shall behold his face.(Ps 11:7)

God loves righteousness



What does it mean when we say “*God is holy*” ?

Holiness

Cannot tolerate sin

God is love, so God does not get angry easily ?? **Is this true?**

God is a righteous judge,
and a God who feels indignation **every day**. (Psalm 7:11)

Holiness

Cannot tolerate evildoers

God is love, so God cannot hate ?? *Is this true?*

The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers. (Psalm 5:5)

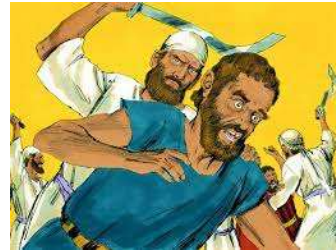
Because God is holy, therefore
 God must hate the wicked

“God loves the sinner but hate the sin” is **not** a quote from the Bible

The Lord tests the righteous,
 but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence. (Psalm 11:5)



God's holiness brought judgment of drowning to the Egyptians



God's holiness ordered the slaughter of 3000 idolators



God's holiness brought the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah



God's holiness will one day destroy this entire universe

“I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen. (Amos 5:21-23)



When anything is done from impure hearts, wrong attitudes

God hates them, God doesn't want them.

Sin causes Him displeasure, God loves holiness



Judgment of sin

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. (John 3:18)



Salvation is by grace through faith

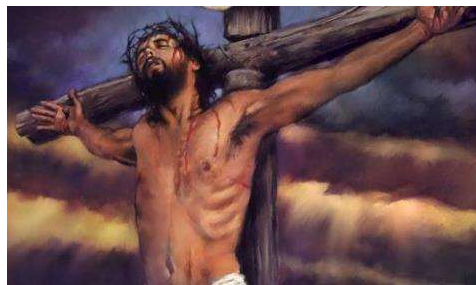
Condemnation is by unbelief

when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, **inflicting vengeance** on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (2 The 1:7b-8)



God's judgment of sin is a reflection of His holiness

or then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages **to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself**. (Heb 9:26)



God's holiness was so infinite that His Son has to die as the sin-bearer for us

On the cross



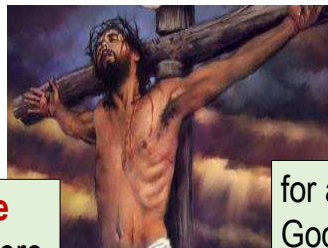
God's infinite holiness is fully displayed on the cross

God's infinite holiness displays His hatred of sin and His wrath

God's infinite holiness demands the absolute & ultimate price:

The death of His Son – Jesus Christ

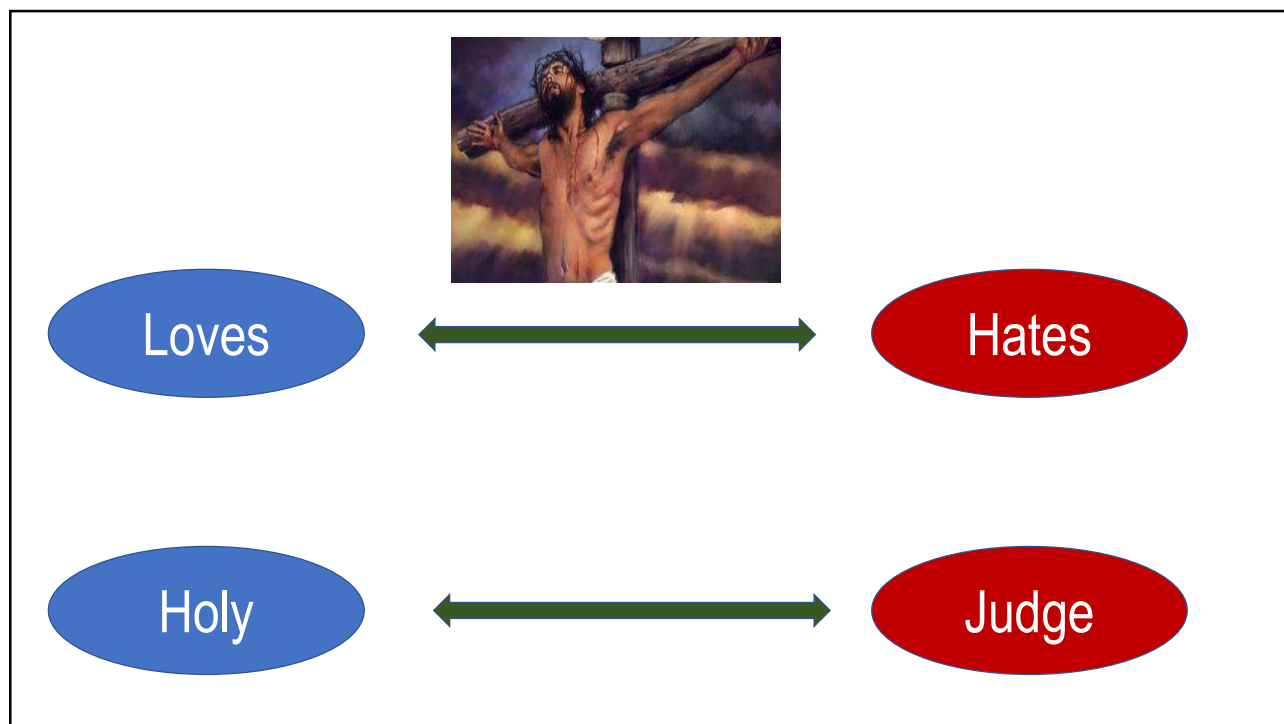
On the cross



but God **shows his love** for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,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. (Rom 3:23-25)

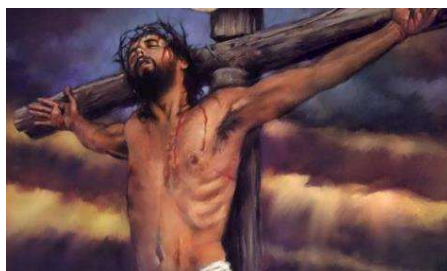
Greatest display of holiness is also the greatest display of love



Why does God allow sin?

Because of our sin, Jesus died on the cross

Without the cross, how could God manifest His love and holiness ?



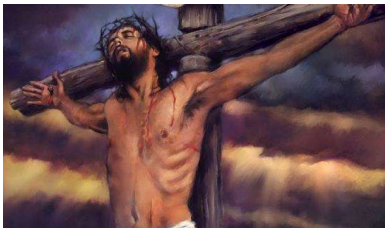
God's desire to manifest His love and holiness



Diamond shines the brightest when placed in contrast with a dark background



God's love and holiness shine the brightest in the backdrop of the darkness of our sins



Why election? Why only choose some?

Why allow sin? Why allow people to sin?

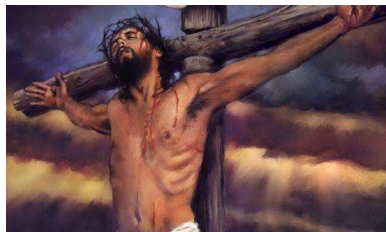
Why allow condemnation in hell?

Why not save everyone?

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¹⁹ You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” ²⁰ But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” ²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? ²² What if God, **desiring to show his wrath** and **to make known his power**, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, ²³ in order **to make known the riches of his glory** for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—(Rom 9:19-23)

So God is holy, what does that mean to us?

God is absolutely and infinitely holy.
Anybody who wants to exist in His presence, have to be holy.

When the angels sinned, God threw them out, and prepared a place for them separated from His presence.



His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. (Rev 12:4)



*When Adam and Eve sinned, God
threw them out of His presence*

Sin has no place in God's presence

I told you that you would **die in your sins**, for **unless you believe**
that I am he you will **die in your sins**." (John 8:24)



Unrepentant sinners who do not believe in Jesus Christ
The devil and the fallen demons

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. (Rev 21:27)



New Heaven and New Earth

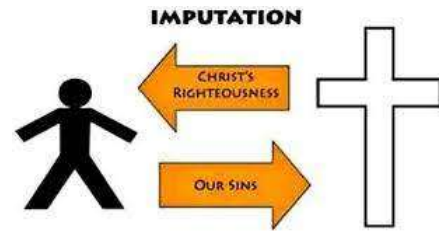
Without the presence of sin

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that **they may enter** the city by the gates. ¹⁵ **Outside** are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. (Rev 22:14-15)



Outside

How can we be holy ?



for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, (Isa 61:10)

Only in Christ, then can we be holy

Application

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, **“You shall be holy, for I am holy.”** (1 Pet 1:15-16)

The holiness of God demands holiness in your life.

Are we holy in our speech, actions and thoughts?



But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord **depart from iniquity.**" (2 Tim 2:19)

and to put on the **new self**, created after the likeness of God in true **righteousness and holiness.** (Eph 4:24)

As believers, we live and shine for the Lord, to show the world

In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may **see your good works** and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Mat 5:16)



The Doctrine of God

1. Does God exist?
2. Who is God?
3. God is Trinity
4. The attributes of God: *Eternal, Infinite, Invisible, Incomprehensible, Immutable*
5. The attributes of God: *Omnipresent, Omnipotent, Omniscient*
6. The attributes of God: *Love and Holiness*

