

Building a life of love

God's radical love for us

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1. You Cannot Make God

Romans 8:38-39 "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV=New International Version)

2. You Cannot _____ God's Love He Has For You

Ephesians 3:17-19 "...And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (NIV)

Jeremiah 31:3 "The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." (NIV)

Psalms 103:11 "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;" (NIV)

3. You Cannot Stop God's Love from

John 3:16-17 "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." (NLT=New Living Translation)

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (NIV)

1 John 4:10 “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.” (NLT)

4. You Cannot Stop God’s Love From Wanting A

1 John 3:1 “See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!...” (NIV)

Romans 8:15 “So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Abba, Father.” (NLT)

John 1:12 “But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.” (NLT)

5. You Cannot Understand God’s Love with this

- Hebrew word for love is “Hesed”
 - Relational loyalty
 - Active kindness
 - Faithfulness beyond obligation
 - You can think of hesed as love that stays, acts, and gives—no matter what

- The Greek word for love is “Agape”
 - Self-giving love
 - Unconditional
 - Active, not just emotional
 - Moral and volitional
 - Agape is love as a commitment to act for someone else’s good—steadily, sacrificially, and intentionally

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does our culture describe love? Love is.....

2. God's love for us is radically different than what we experience in this world. Go through each point and discuss the implications of each statement. For example, if I can't make God stop loving me, what are the implications of this kind of love? How does this impact me when I fail, don't measure up, or my past? Do this with each statement.

3. Discuss the Hebrew and Greek words for love. This is what the biblical word love really means. Discuss why this is so significant. Also discuss the fact that we are supposed to not only love God back like this but also each other. This is why the world knows we are followers of Jesus when we love like this.