



God is Love (Love Defined)

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"God is love" (I John 4:8, 16).

Who could think of a more wonderful word than *love*? Who can adequately define it? Try if you can. What is *love*, actually?

Who could help us in finding such an illusive definition? As believers, we know that we will ultimately find *love's* only real definition in the Scriptures, and from whom better to gain our definition of love than "*the disciple whom Jesus loved*" (John 19:26; John 20:2; John 21:7, 20)? If anyone knew its meaning it would be John, the Apostle.

John indeed does give us a pure and simple definition. He tells us plainly that "*God is love.*" God is not only the source of *love*, He is love Himself. If we want to know what *love* is really all about, we must look to Him. Ultimately, *love* in its fullness and depth is nothing short of the very person of God Himself. It is His divine expression. It is Who He is.

We will never really know and enjoy the rich measure of *love*, until we have come to know *Him* – in His full expression – in the Person of His Son.

No wonder that Paul, the Apostle of God's fullness, so splendidly wrote,

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Ephesians 3:17-20).

As Christ dwells in our hearts by faith, *love* is our root and ground. It is He who allows us to grasp what man cannot naturally perceive, and saturates us with all God's fullness. To comprehend the wondrous dimensions of His *love* (its breadth, length, depth, and heights) allows the very power of God Himself to be at work in us, over and above anything that we could ever dream possible.

Even faith works by His *love*.

“For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love” (Galatians 5:6).

No wonder Paul also penned these passionate words,

*“**That I may know Him**, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death ... I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 3:10, 14).

The true definition of *love* itself is found in God, and to know Him, and His beloved Son, is to know the true meaning of *Love*.

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