

HOW DO YOU DEFINE LOVE?

1 JOHN 4:7-11

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Introduction

There is no attribute of God so widely believed as the love of God and no attribute so badly _____ as God's love!

1. Common Misunderstandings of God's Love

a) God loves each and every person in the _____ way?

1 John 3:1 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

b) God loves the _____ but hates the _____?

Psalms 5:5 - The boastful shall not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.

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

c) God is Love! This means that everyone will be _____?

John 14:6 - Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Mark 10:20-21 - And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

2. Human Love is:

God's Love is:

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

"The reality is the only way to live in God's love and be filled with it every day and to keep it is to give it away. By its very nature it is not a thing to be withheld."

3. Two vital truths to provide us a deeper understanding of God's love

a) The truth about who we are

Romans 5:6 - For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

b) The amazing extent of God's love

Romans 5:7-8 - For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 John 4:10 - 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.