



The God You Think You Know

Part 7

God Is Love

1 John 4:7-21

The human heart longs for love and great love stories only intensifies the flame of that longing to come to life in our own lives. That we would have our own story of True Love. But, for it to be True Love, it must be reciprocated.

God is constantly pursuing us with a love relationship.

He proved His love for us by sending His Son, Jesus dying in our place, then raising Jesus from the dead to then give us eternal life. This Love is a love that demands an action.

Four Greek Words for Love:

1. _____ – passionate, physical (or sexual) desire. Comes from the Greek god for love (Eros). A conditional love.
2. _____ - is a natural affection or natural obligation.
3. _____ – is a companionable love. Brotherly love. Affection, fondness or liking.
4. _____ - It is a love of esteem, of evaluation. It has the idea of prizing. It is the noblest word for love in the Greek language.

What is the God-kind of love? _____

- It delights in giving.
- This love keeps on loving even when the loved one is unresponsive, unkind, unlovable, and unworthy. It is unconditional love.
- Agape desires only the good of the one loved. It is a consuming passion for the well-being of others.

There is a big difference between a Universal Love and God's Love

1 John 3:16-24 NLT

A great example of this is Hosea and Gomer (The Book of Hosea)

There is an even greater difference between Tolerance and Love.

God's Love will not leave you where you are.

1. Takes you where you are (For God so loved the world)
2. Teaches you what is best (Gave His one and only Son)
3. Applies it to your life (Believes)
4. Empowers you to put it into action (will not perish)
5. Leads you to your future/destiny (Ever-lasting Life)

MINISTRY TIME . . .

How do I put this God kind of Love to work in my life and relationships?

1. You must _____ God.
2. You must be willing to be perfected by _____ (Hebrews 12).
3. Love your _____ (Love is a choice).
4. Do good, bless and _____.
5. Do to _____ as you would have them do to you.