



Week 2: How Great the Father's Love
Sunday, July 31, 2022

† God Is Love... No 'yeah buts' allowed!

Reality! Love is not just one of God's attributes. Love is the totality of God's nature, character, presence, and essence. God's countenance toward all of creation and all of humanity, for all eternity, is Love!

Any teaching- Biblical or otherwise- that seeks to place a limitation on God's love (and our calling to love others with the Love of God) must be evaluated through the lens of God's love for all people that we see in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

† The Father's Love- *is undeserved and unconditional.*
Romans 5:8, Titus 3:3-5, Ephesians 2:1-9

† The Father's Love - *is close and continual.*
Galatians 2:20

† The Father's Love - *shows that God is for us.*
Romans 8:31

† The Father's Love- *pursues us.*
Matthew 18:12-14

† The Father's Love- *surpasses knowledge.*
Ephesians 3:14-19

† The Father's Love- *is **the** blessing.*
Matthew 7:11-12, Ephesians 1:3

† The Father's Love- *is how God will lead us to love others.*
John 13:34-35

Before God, will I wrestle with the questions of how I love?

- How do I place conditions on who and how I love?
- Do I love 'from a distance'? Is my love for people active and pursuing, or passive and waiting?
- Am I *for people*? What does this look like? How do I try to place limitations on this? How can I be *for a person* with whom I deeply disagree?
- Do I believe God may be leading me to love people in a way I currently don't understand? Is my heart open to this?
- Right now, what is the Love of *Christ in me* calling me to do?

Next Sunday: The Most Powerful Force, Week 3: Love is....

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