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WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is the fundamental theme throughout the Word of God. **Love is the essence of God's character and the foundation of who He is.** The Greek word "agape" is used to identify the love of God, and it is defined as affection, benevolence and a "love-feast" or feast of charity. Love is much more than what God **does**. Love is who God **is**. His love is so immeasurable, it is called a "love-feast".

Have you ever been to a feast? I think of a feast as a meal with so much abundance, there is more food than everyone present could possibly eat! God's love is so immense, there is an abundance (more than enough) for every individual who has ever been born onto the earth. **He is more than enough!**

Everything God does come from a heart of benevolence and the desire to give love to us. Agape love comes from the heart, and any reservoir of real love within us originates from God.

The need to be loved and to love others is

shared by every person on the earth. This yearning for love was placed in mankind by God. It is at the very core of our reason for living and the need for which every person is searching. This longing for love can only be filled by God Himself. **Every person in the world needs a love relationship with God Almighty, who IS love.** Many people would testify that wealth, fame and success never really satisfy the longings of their hearts, because what they really long for is to be loved completely. Even when the world would say, "You have made it," people realize that their hearts are still empty and unfulfilled.

Oftentimes, people who are lost don't realize they are searching for God's love. They know they feel empty inside and nothing seems to fill up the void. They yearn for something to bring meaning into their lives and they try to find that meaning in addictions, striving for success, relationships and many other things. Yet the only thing that can fill their hearts is God's love, and that love flows out of a personal, intimate relationship with the Father who created them. **Every person on earth**

needs a love relationship with the source of love.

The world doesn't understand God's love. They often don't even recognize it. John 3:16 says, "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son...*" that whoever believes on Him would not perish but instead would have everlasting life. Only through salvation can you receive God's love into your heart. When you have accepted Jesus as your **personal Savior**, you can experience the benefits of God's mighty love.

The Bible expounds on the love of God in great detail. This leads to the realization that we can also love Him in return. There are many examples in both the Old and New Testaments of people who enjoyed a personal love relationship with God. This kind of intimacy with the Father is available to you, but loving God must go beyond mere words. You have to add action to your words to have real meaning, because love without the corresponding actions is useless.

For example, you may love your spouse or children very much, but if you don't tell them

and show them that you love them, it doesn't mean very much. I have been married over fifty years and my wife still likes to hear me say, "I love you," and I like to hear it, too! She is also blessed when I do things to prove my love. Both the words and the actions are necessary.

It is the same way with God. He tells us and shows us that He loves us, and He wants us to tell Him we love Him and show Him our love in return. As the old saying goes, "Talk is cheap." A lot of people say they love God but do their actions agree with their words?

God's love has always produced corresponding actions. God gave us His only Son. Jesus gave His life for you. Jesus healed the sick and raised the dead. When you spend time with Jesus you will begin to learn about His love for you. You will begin to see that God's love is never passive. When God's love is in your heart, things happen! True love flows when you share with God from the heart, not the mind, and you express that love through action, just as God has shown His love for you by giving you His Son.

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This book speaks primarily to those who are serious about walking with God and do not have any intention of being deceived. If you resist the lusts of the flesh but also see that you are not growing at the rate you should, this book will help you. If you are frustrated because you have problems you cannot find the answers for, this book will help you see the tactics of the enemy and how to rescue yourself from them.

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After the millennial reign, our Father will appear with the New Jerusalem. He will destroy the heavens and the earth and create a new heaven and a new earth. We will spend eternity with our Father and Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.

But what about now? This book describes how to live in the Kingdom of God now. It

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(224 pages) ISBN 0-945255-90-X

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