

Attribute #1: The Love of God

Lesson for Sunday, May 11, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ Today is Mother's Day! In many family relationships, the mother is often recognized as the source of love within the family.
 - Rightfully so! One can easily recognize the tremendous sacrifice that women make in carrying and caring for a child.
 - It is also seen practically in the behavior of children. If a boy falls and scrapes his knee, where does he run? To his mother! Nothing is quite like the love of a mother.
- ⇒ What is true with a mother is even more true with God. Nothing compares with the love of God.
- ⇒ There are only three times in the Bible where the phrase "God is..." is used. They are God is spirit; God is holy; and God is love.
- ⇒ There are two specific aspects of God's love that we will consider in today's lesson: God's love is unchanging and undeserved.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. God's love is unchanging.
 - a. God's love is steadfast. It is not influenced by human actions or circumstances but remains constant throughout time. Consider these three aspects of God's love:
 - b. First, God's love is eternal.
 - i. God's love has no beginning or end; it is everlasting.
 - ii. Scripture References: Jeremiah 31:3; Psalm 136:26
 - iii. God's love is the same today, yesterday and forever. It is eternally the same.
 - c. Second, God's love is unconditional.
 - i. God's love is not based on human merit but flows from His nature.
 - ii. Scripture References: John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:4-5
 - iii. Whatever you may do – good or bad – God will not love you more or less than He does right now.
 - d. Third, God's love is unfailing.
 - i. God's love never falters or diminishes, even in times of human failure.
 - ii. Scripture References: Romans 8:38–39; Isaiah 54:10
 - e. Apply: God's unchanging love provides comfort, assurance and a foundation for living a life that honors Him. What difference should God's unchanging love make in our daily lives?
2. God's love is undeserved.
 - a. God's love is given freely, unrelated to human merit or worthiness. Consider the Biblical evidence.
 - b. First, God loves sinners.
 - i. The story of the Bible is the story of God's love for the ones who rebelled against Him. The reality is that sinners do not deserve God's love.
 - ii. Scripture References: Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:10
 - c. Second, God's love is independent from human merit.

- i. God loves us because God is love. He does not love us because we deserve it.
- ii. Scripture References: Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9; Luke 15 – the Prodigal Son.
- d. Apply: We don't deserve God's love, but He loves us anyway. How should this impact our lives? (Consider: (1) it should lead us to repentance – Rom. 2:4; (2) gratitude; (3) worship; (4) evangelism – tell others about it!)

APPLICATION: What are the effects of God's love that should be evident in our lives?

- ⇒ When we know God's love, we don't have to fear the circumstances of life. God loves us, and He can be trusted. Fear dominates our minds when we trust in ourselves or external forces rather than God's benevolent will.
 - "Perfect love drives out fear" (1 John 4:18).
 - Trusting in God's love brings peace to troubled hearts.
 - Are there fears or doubts you need to surrender to God's perfect love?
- ⇒ God's love enables us to love others.
 - "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).
 - How loving are you? Has God's love for you impacted your love for others?
 - How does understanding that God's love is uncaused change your view of yourself and others?
- ⇒ God's love calls us to live sacrificially.
 - "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).
 - In what ways can you reflect God's sacrificial love in your daily life?