

# GOD'S LOVE MEANS GOD'S GENEROSITY

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## **JOHN 3:16**

*For God **so loved** the world, **that he gave his only Son**, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## **JOHN 3:35**

*The Father **loves** the Son and has **given all things** into his hand.*

## **EPHESIANS 5:1-2**

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ **loved** us and **gave himself up for us**, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

## **EPHESIANS 5:25**

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ **loved the church and gave himself up for her**,*

## **GALATIANS 2:20**

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, **who loved me and gave himself up for me.***

## **CENTRAL PREMISE:**

**God's love means that God generously gives himself to others.**

God can give all because he made all and owns all.

### **1) God is sovereign over all things— He depends on nothing.**

#### **PSALM 90:2**

*Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

#### **REVELATION 4:11**

*"Worthy are you, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created."*

#### **ACTS 17:24-25**

*24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

## 2) God is owner of all things— He lacks nothing.

**JOB 41:11** God responds to Job in chapters 38-41 revealing his utter sovereignty.  
*Who has first given to Me, that I should repay him?  
Whatever is under the whole heaven is Mine.*

### **PSALM 50:10-12**

*10 For every beast of the forest is Mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.  
11 I know all the birds of the hills,  
and all that moves in the field is Mine.*

### **1 CORINTHIANS 8:6**

*yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.*

## 3) God is giver of all things — He holds back nothing.

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### **ROMANS 11:35-36**

*35 "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?"  
36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.  
To him be glory forever. Amen.*

### **2 PETER 1:3**

*His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence.*

## God's Love and Generosity comes from WHO HE 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.*

**'Love'** (*agape* as opposed to *eros* or *philia*) = 'selfless love'

- God's love is an 'others-oriented love'.
- God's love is a 'self-giving love'.
- God's love gives himself to bless others.
- God's love never changes.

## I. GOD'S GENEROSITY IN ETERNITY PAST (before creation):

God's loving and generous nature is seen within the Trinity.

JOHN 17:5 *And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

JOHN 17:24 *Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

JOHN 3:35 *The Father loves the Son and has given all things into his hand.*

## II. GOD'S GENEROSITY IN THIS PRESENT AGE (since creation):

God's loving/giving nature is seen in His relationship to people.

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.*

ROMANS 5:8 *But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners Christ died for us.*

GALATIANS 2:20 *I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.*

## III. GOD'S GENEROSITY IN ETERNITY FUTURE (after this present age):

God's loving/giving nature is seen in His promises to come.

ISAIAH 62:5 *For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

ZEPHANIAH 3:17 *The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

REVELATION 21:1-3, 6

*1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*

*6 And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.*

Real loving cannot be separated from selfless, generous giving.