

Love That Surpasses Human Comprehension

Our lives are shaped by love. If we love abundantly, we live abundantly. Love is how our souls pass from selfishness to service. The Bible is overflowing with verses of God's love. When God created us in His image and likeness, love was part of our design. **1 John 4:16:** *“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”* God's love exceeds human comprehension, and love is more than a trait of God. He is love. He doesn't try to love us; He can't help but love us because that's what He is. The apostle Paul uses the Greek word *agape* to express God's love. Agape is love without change, a self-giving love that gives without demanding or expecting repayment. Agape is love even when rejected, doesn't demand, or expect repayment from the love given. It gives because it loves; it doesn't love to receive. Jesus told us, **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.”* That is a profound statement, *“God so loved the world”*. We were in sin, yet in our sin, God loved us. No one can adequately describe it or adequately understand it, because the Bible says it surpasses human knowledge. **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.”* The Bible tells us that the love of God can be known, not by the ungodly, but by the righteous. The ungodly don't recognize the love of God. You see, when we become Christians, the love of God comes to live within us. We can love the unlovable, but we can't do that unless the love of God is in us. Love is not what we say, love is what we do. Love is not put in our heart to stay; rather, love isn't love until we give it away. **1 John 3:17-18:** *“But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.”* Jesus said, **John 13:34-35:** *“I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”* Be tender with the young, be compassionate with the aged, be sympathetic with the poor, be tolerant of the weak, and be helpful to those in need. Why? Because over the years as we give our love away, at some point in our life it's very likely we are going to need some of these things too. The sin that crippled and broke us by the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden left us hopeless and without God. Our dreams were crushed and covered by sin and shame. But God in His love, sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay our sin debt at the cross. Now when God looks upon us, He sees the sin debt as paid! God looks at us now through His eyes of love and only sees our potential, not our past. The love of God will never fail us.