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**NO TRINITY - NO LOVE - GOD IS LOVE**

In 1 John 4:8, 16 the claim is made that God is love (Agape). This statement could not be made by any other deity even by those who claim monotheism.

Here's why. We know love isn't God. But God is agape love. This is perfect, self-giving love. This means that there has to be someone to give to. God in trinitarian relationship has existed forever in perfect self-giving love. No other can make that claim. Agape flows only from it's source to all others who live it out. It has to come from Him for us to apply it to others. Agape flows from the Trinity of self- giving love. This gives you a wonderful thing to pray for ... the love of God to fill your heart.

Other deities could claim to love but they cannot be the source of this kind of love. Only the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - a God of self-giving love from eternity can be the source. As a result, if I act outside of the love that only God can give, such as helping others, missions, showing generosity, and act outside of God's direction, I am simply acting out of human love (Greek: storge; philia; eros). God defines agape love (in this context - 1 John) because it is who He is ... not just what He does. The Good News is that God wants you to have it too! Ask God to fill you with His self-giving, self-sacrificing, perfect love.

Is this possible in this life? John seems to think so. He says in chapter four verse twelve, ***"... if we agape one another, God abides in us, and His agape is perfected in us."*** and five verses later John confidently expresses, ***"By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."*** (1 John 4:17)