## "GOD IS LOVE" (1 John 4:7-8)

## **INTRODUCTION:**

God loves at all times. His very nature is Love (v. 7).

He loves everybody: The saved and unsaved, rich and poor, healthy and suffering, deserving and undeserving, acceptable and unacceptable, good and bad. God loves everybody – regardless of the situation or circumstance – at all times.

o "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (1 John 4:8).

In this message, we will review six characteristics of God's Love:

- I. GOD'S LOVE IS UNIVERSAL (John 3:16-17; 1 John 4:14; 1 Tim 2:3-4)
- II. GOD'S LOVE IS UNCONDITIONAL
  - A. God's Love is Unchangeable
  - **B.** We cannot do anything that will make God love us <u>more</u> or love us <u>less.</u> (Mal 3:6; Heb 13:8)
  - C. Jesus has No Conditions on His Love (Rom 5:6-10)
- III. GOD'S LOVE IS INITIATING LOVE (Luke 19:10; Eph 1:4; 1 John 4:19)
- IV. GOD'S LOVE IS FAITHFUL (Num 23:19; Jer 31:3; Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18)
- V. GOD'S LOVE IS RECONCILING LOVE
  - A. In Christ's Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:43-48, He commanded us to love our enemies, not just our friends.
  - **B.** A Biblical example of how Christians are to love their enemies (Rom 12:17-21)
  - C. God forgives us when we confess our sins (1 John 1:9). Therefore, we are commanded to forgive those who trespass against us (Matt 6:14-15; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)
- VI. GOD'S LOVE IS INSEPERABLE (Rom 8:35-39)
  - A. Not Death
  - B. Not Life
  - C. Not Angels. Principalities or Powers
  - D. Not Anything Present or Anything to Come
  - E. Not Height or Depth
  - F. Not Any Other Creature

## **CONCLUSION:**

- A. "God loves you. He loves you yesterday. He loves you tomorrow. He loves you always. Regardless if you mess up." BibleGodQuotes.com
- B. "God proved His love on the Cross. When Jesus hung, and bled and died, it was God saying to the world, "I Love You." Billy Graham
- C. "God's Love is impartial. He makes His sun to rise on the good and the evil. If God gave us what we deserve, all of us would deserve condemnation." Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Matt 5:45)
- D. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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