



**GOD IS LOVE: WE ARE  
MADE IN HIS IMAGE**

**THINGS THAT MATTER... (part 2)**

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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

-1 John 4:7-8

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

- 1 Peter 4:8

# 1. LEARNING TO LOVE FROM THE SOURCE OF LOVE

-Love according to the Bible from Genesis to Revelation...

- Genesis 3:21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

- **Revelation 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. 7 He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

**Revelation 22:14** "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.

- **John 7:37** Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."



## 2. HOW LOVE CHANGES US FOR THE BETTER

- One man's life transformed by love - PETER
- The greatest evidence of the power of love: FORGIVENESS.

**Colossians 3:13** Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

**Luke 23:34** Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

**John 15:13** Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”

**Matthew 5:43** Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”

### **3. Get close.**

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

**John 5:24** "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.

**John 13:1** It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

**Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

## 4. Love and MARRIAGE.

**Ephesians 5:21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**Ephesians 5:33** ...each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.