God's perfect love

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Exodus 20:7

Matt 11:28-30

Luke 19:1-10

John 1:12-13

Gal 3:26-28

John 3:16-18

John 13:34-35

Eph 3:16-19

1 John 4:7-21

Romans 5:8



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What?

So What?

Now What?

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What?

Jesus is the King who embodied God's perfect love.

Jesus demonstrated God's perfect love when He was here on earth

...and continues to demonstrate His perfect love today through his body – the church

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What?

John 13: 34-35
"A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have
loved you, so you must love
one another. By this everyone
will know that you are my
disciples, if you love one
another."

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What?

1 John 4

7 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.
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

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What?

1 John 4

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

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What?

1 John 4

19 We love because he first loved us.

20 Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.

21 And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

King of Kings **God's perfect** love

What?

Romans 5:8

<u>8</u> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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What?

John 3:16-17

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

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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King of Kings

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God is a God of relationship

... and he wants a relationship with us

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So What?

God is a God of relationship

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

Gal 3:26-28

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.



So What?

Overflow and an obligation

Because God loves us, we are able to love others

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The Invitation is inclusive. Salvation is exclusive

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Zacchaeus the Tax Collector (Luke 19:1-10)

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

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So What?

God is a God of Relationship.

He wants a relationship with us.

God's love is both an **overflow** and an **obligation**.

We can love others because of the love we have received from Him

The invitation is inclusive. Salvation is exclusive.

God's love invites everyone to find freedom from sin and a right relationship through Jesus



Now What?

Let God's love overflow to you and through you..

Adapted from Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (3:16-19)

Loving Father, I ask you to strengthen me with power through Your Spirit in my inner being so that Christ may dwell in my heart through faith.

Please help me to be rooted and established in love. By Your Spirit's power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

To know this love that surpasses knowledge, that I may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.