

SESSION 19
GOD IS LOVE (A)
Video Outline



“The LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever” (Psalm 100:5).

1. Love permeates the _____ of God.
(1 John 4:8)
2. Love reveals God to be _____.
(Psalm 145:8)
3. God’s supernatural love is perfect and _____.
(Psalm 36:7; 1 John 4:18,19)
4. God’s love is _____ by His sacrificial commitment to our well-being.
 - God’s love involves sacrifice. (1 John 4:9,10)
 - God’s love involves commitment. (Romans 8:35–39)
 - God’s love involves wanting what’s best for us. (Romans 8:28)
5. God enables us to be _____ of His love.
(1 John 4:16)
 - God wants us to love Him wholeheartedly. (Matthew 22:37,38)
 - God wants us to love our neighbor. (1 John 4:11)
 - God wants us to love ourselves. (Matthew 22:39)
 - God even wants us to love our enemies. (Matthew 5:44)

*Because God is love,
 He is unconditionally committed to my well-being.*

RECOMMENDED READING
GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 20 “God Is Love”

SESSION 20
GOD IS LOVE (B)
Bible Study



1. Love rejoices when God blesses others, even at our expense.

Read 1 Samuel 18:1–4; 19:1–5; 20:12–17; 30–34.

a. How did Jonathan show love to his friend David?

b. What reasons did Jonathan have to be jealous of David?

c. How did Jonathan keep from becoming jealous?

d. Is jealousy ruining a relationship in your life? What can you do to help change your attitude?

2. Love humbly serves others.

Read John 13:1–17.

a. How did Jesus show love to His disciples (even Judas)?

b. Why was Jesus' action so surprising?

Bible Study (continued)

c. What aspect of love was Jesus modeling?

d. How can you demonstrate this love in your life?

3. Love willingly sacrifices for the greater good.

Read Acts 20:28–31; 1 Thessalonians 3:6–10; 2 Corinthians 11:28,29.

a. How did Paul demonstrate his deep love to the churches to whom he ministered?

b. Have you ever been moved to tears for your church? When?

c. What are ways you can show love to your local body of believers? To believers around the world?

d. Is something such as a critical spirit, jealousy, or fear of commitment getting in the way of your loving other believers as you should? What do you need to do to begin to change your attitudes and behavior?

SESSION 20
GOD IS LOVE (B)
Life Application



WRITE IT ON YOUR HEART

Memorize the following statement and verses. As you encounter situations this week where you need to remember that God loves you, claim these promises by faith.

- Because God is love, He is unconditionally committed to my well-being.
- 1 John 4:16—“We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in Him. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.”
- Romans 8:39—“Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

EXALT YOUR GOD

Worship our loving God through the words of the hymn *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*:

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
 Live in me from day to day,
 By His love and power controlling
 All I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
 In my heart from hour to hour,
 So that all may see I triumph
 Only through His power.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
 As the waters fill the sea;
 Him exalting, self abasing—
 This is victory.

May His beauty rest upon me
 As I seek the lost to win,
 And may they forget the channel,
 Seeing only Him.

Praise God for the many ways He displays love in your life.

REFLECT HIS IMAGE

Meditate on 1 Corinthians 13, inserting your name in place of the word “love.” By faith, ask God to develop these qualities in you.

Life Application (continued)

COUNT ON GOD

God gives a wonderful promise in Romans 8:38,39. As you read these verses, consider the struggles and worries in your life. Trust your compassionate God to lovingly sustain you no matter what your circumstance.

OBEY GOD

Who are the individuals in your life whom you have difficulty loving?

Do not wait until you “feel” like loving them. Love is much more than a feeling, and often we must first love them by faith. Begin by praying for those individuals. Then, actively reach out to them in a display of kindness. You will be surprised how quickly the “feeling” of love may soon follow. Obey God and determine to love even the “unlovable” today.

SHARE HIS MAJESTY

Is there someone in your life who needs to know how much God loves him? Tell that person that someone loves him perfectly and unselfishly—our loving Creator. Look for ways to demonstrate God’s love to your friend.

RECOMMENDED READING

GOD: Discover His Character, Chapter 21 “God Helps Us Spread His Love”

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<http://DiscoverGod.com/resources>

