

Worship with Love

A large, vibrant red heart is positioned on the left side of the image, partially overlapping the text. The heart has a slight gradient and a soft shadow, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The background is a solid dark gray.

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◆ For all Ezekiel's outward appearance of severity, beneath the hard shell there was a heart that felt deeply for and with his people. He did not relish the message of judgment that he had to give.... still less the reality that followed when the message was rejected. This was one of the secrets of his greatness. Though his forehead was made as hard as adamant, his heart was always a heart of flesh. - John B. Taylor

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◆^{NLT} **Ezekiel 11:19** And I will give them singleness of heart and put a new spirit within them. I will take away their stony, stubborn heart and give them a tender, responsive heart...

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The love of God is that which leads Him to express Himself in terms of endearment toward His creatures, and actively to manifest that interest and affection in acts of loving care and self-sacrifice in behalf of the objects of His love.
(ISBE)

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God's love is that perfection of the divine nature by which God is eternally moved to communicate Himself. It is not a mere emotional impulse, but a rational and voluntary affection, having its ground in truth and holiness and its exercise in free choice.

◇ (Thiessen Lectures in Systematic Theology)

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God's Love is:

- ◆ Self-sacrificing
- ◆ Unconditional
- ◆ Voluntary
- ◆ Unselfish
- ◆ Seeks good

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God's Love is:

- ◆ Everlasting
- ◆ **Jeremiah 31:3:** I have loved you with an everlasting love”

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God's Love is:

◆ Incomprehensible

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◆ **Ephesians 3:16-19** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height --to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us in our inner man to be able to comprehend the width and length and depth and height of God's love - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.

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◆ **Believers** – John 16:27 - for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came forth from the Father

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Who does the Bible say that God loves?

◆ Israel – Hos 3:1 Then the Lord said to me, Go again, love a woman who I s loved by her husband, yet an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the sons of Israel, though they turn to other gods.....

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Who does the Bible say that God loves?

◆ World — ^{NET} **John 3:16** For this is the way God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

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Who does the Bible say that God loves?

◆ **God loves ME** — NKJ **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

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How does God demonstrate His love?

◆ **Romans 5:5** - The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

◆ **Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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How does God demonstrate His love?

◆ **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails.

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◆ **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...

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- ◆ showing *mercy* – not giving us what we deserve
- ◆ being *patient* – He is slow to anger
- ◆ ^{NLT} **2 Peter 3:15** And remember, the Lord's patience gives people time to be saved.
- ◆ pouring out *His grace* – unmerited – undeserved

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◆ **Ephesians 2:4-5** ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved

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◆ It is God's nature to give of Himself to those upon whom He has set His love, and He will continue to act this way toward those He loves for all eternity.

Wayne Grudem

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The Lord called Israel to Himself to love them and to be loved.

◆ Shema - Deuteronomy 6:4-5: Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

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- ❖ **Zephaniah 3:17** The LORD your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with **His love**, He will rejoice over you with singing.
- ❖ **John 15:9-13** As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.



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- ◆ Theology brings doxology.
 - ◆ Knowing the truth about God brings forth praise to God

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◆ **Psalm 5:7** ⁷ But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple.

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◆ Psalm 22:29 –

Let the rich of the earth feast and worship.

The poor will eat and be satisfied.

All who seek the LORD will praise him.

Their hearts will rejoice with everlasting joy.

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◆ **Psalm 29:2** Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

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◆ Psalm 66:4

Everything on earth will worship You;
they will sing Your praises,
shouting Your name in glorious songs.

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◆ **Psalm 81:9** There shall be no foreign god among you;
Nor shall you worship any foreign god.

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◆ **Psalm 95:6** O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

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◆ **Psalm 96:9** O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before Him, all the earth.

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◆ **Psalm 100:2** Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.