

God is Love

1 John 4:8

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Everybody needs to feel loved. On a scale of the hierarchy of needs, the need to be loved is near the top. Love makes us feel that we have worth, that we are somebody. It is one of the highest and most important things that a parent can do for a child's well-being.

All love has its origin in the dear heart of God. He sent His Son to take on our human flesh, humbled Himself, and presented Himself as an atoning sacrifice for our sins so that we might live through Him. Part of 4:19 states "We love because He first loved us."

The Greek for "love" here is agape. It is a selfless love that indicates a selfless concern for the welfare of others and seeks nothing in return.

God is patient. God is kind. He rejoices with the truth. He did bear and endure all things. We see this on the cross. We have a wall plaque that states "I asked Jesus, 'how much do you love me?' He answered, and stretched out His arms and died." God's love for us is perfect and never ends. Romans 8:31-39 is a great summary of God's love stating that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God.

God has in fact prepared the greatest response possible to all human misery – He has found a way to let us come to live in His World.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your never ending love. Amen