

# God is love (Quality: Poor)

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[ 0 : 00 ] The words that I would desire to make a try, make a few remarks from, and you will find in the fourth chapter, first epistle of John.

The last clause in the eighth verse, the last clause in the eighth verse of the fourth chapter, first epistle of John.

God is love. God is love. It's wonderful that John was led into the love of God, and how in this epistle before us, he sets it forth so clear that his people can behold in it those things that they desire to know and to experience.

And I've often fought, and I've fought, even as a warning concerning John. He loved his master.

And how one felt that if we could only experience a little of that in our souls, how that he laid upon his breast a succor.

[ 1 : 49 ] Wonderful love. But you know, we need the Spirit to lead us into that path.

For none of us can in any wise accomplish any one thing to bring forth in our own souls the blessedness of the truth that God is love.

This does not come from nature. It's not understood by the carnal mind.

For the carnal mind is enmity against God. and would rise up in judgment against all his works and against all his dealings toward us and there will be at those times of rising up in our hearts it may be questioning the dealings of God with us our which arrives again from our wicked flesh our which is enmity against God our body's love is still maintained and made known in our souls by the blessed spirit and though we by nature are sinners and though we are still are the earth earthy and though we are still conversed above by this tenement of claim yet his love is unchangeable love how he says is a mercy thy unchange not therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed while this love was made known in eternity past made known in the realms of us before Adam's dust was fashioned to a man it was made known in the eternal everlasting covenant and ordered by the sacred three that that love should be placed upon a people that should be given under the sun in the covenant the love of God is rich and free fixed on his own eternally as you've been singing therefore that love of God was so deep and he's so deep and untarable that God the Father with the Son and the Spirit should devour the way whereby his people should be delivered from sin and all his consequences well then it is an everlasting love began in eternity toward his people and will never know an end an everlasting love therefore

that love of God which is fixed upon his people in eternity the day with this will surely come when that love will be known to the full in the realm of eternal joy and peace but there are those seasons during my journey where there will be many things arise in our pathway that will cause us to fear unless that love had not been made known to us because of God's dealings with us and therefore this love that is put upon his people in eternity is made known through life's journey by his dealing with us and so though it is an everlasting love it is also a daily love a love that watches over us daily and so that an ordinary craft of earth or hell can destroy that love however you may be harassed and tormented by the alternative souls however you may be driven in the realm of earth however many questions there may arise in your heart and mind as to outstanding we would thank him for this wonderful truth that God is love that nothing can prevent or turn him from his love and though you and I have these exercises it is his love that causes those exercises that we fall asleep or settle down upon a sandy foundation that we might have a lively religion not in activity as many would have us believe but a lively religion in prayer and faith under him lively in our attendance under the means of grace lively in our prayers of day by day some of us after more do we not the many hours that slip away even in our lives when prayer seems to be laying dormant well

[ 10 : 50 ] it by love that he brings something to bear upon us that causes us to pray and not with a rebel laugh but those prayers that come from our very heart under him and it is those prayers are which are the cause are brought to bear upon us through his love will surely be answered because those prayers are according to his will you know we might pray sometimes and while we come to

God with a dictatorial spirit may want something to come to part in our lives and then tell God how we want it done you know how some of us have had these periods of time and then we wonder why these things have not come to pass that we have been asking for well it is according to his will how did he answer us therefore he is a God of love in that he deals with us as children the mercy be deal with us as children and when he sees that we are or he is asked for those things that would not be good for us like the earthly parent says no

ON said a love to child knowing it would be bad foreign to receive it so our heavenly father who is love asks sometimes with a no while the flesh may while the flesh may desire to have its mother way yet hearing love, knowing all things and seeing the end from the beginning withhold from us in love and withhold from us those things which we might think have been taken from us and then find in our hearts a rising off against God while the wonderful mercy even all his dealings with us we behold his love some of us have to move back upon life's journey and behold his love while there is his chastening love his chastening love we heard of his love in the past week our God, there is that chastening love and when he comes and chastens us whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth scourge every son whom we see

I know enough about the chastening of God and not the flesh doesn't harm it so we know enough about it in the past when we rebelled against it and when he had not been a sovereign body and eternal God who had an unchangeable love he would have cast us off he would have never had any more dealings with us he would have caused his wrath to pour out upon us for our rebellion but you know he is that one that causes these things to come permission to come and that we might know and prize more and more and more of that love and also to prove the truth that is an unchangeable love while there is a chastening love there is a forgiving love oh how wonderful is it it is forgiveness to forgive us all our sins while this love this forgiving love was made known through the purposes of the Father in sending the Son that he might in his love come and offer up himself a living sacrifice that you and I might be delivered from rebellion from sin from all that comes against us so that his love was made known when our dear Savior came here on earth to redeem us from the fall redeem us from this world and all its maxims all that men look upon as being our pleasure and joy one day to prove that when they depart their joy is a rendi for everlasting torment oh my friend the love of God ever that he hath divined a way whereby you are on and they know something of it here on earth when he shall come and say son thy sins which are many we are all forgiven every one past, present and to come and who have that love shed abroad in our hearts in that knowledge and that when the time comes for us to be removed from this time state the love of God will be known to the full in eternal and everlasting joy forever and ever and ever all the

vastness of that love to be known throughout eternity I tried just recently to think upon eternity for a few moments you know it's a sacred place to come to and a very humiliating place to think upon eternity never ending can't tell them in us creatures can we eternity tremendous sound the beauty soul and dreadful wound but oh if heaven if God in heaven be mine how sweet the essence ever divine spend a long eternity with him who you have got enough to be delivered from all our fears to be delivered from the torments of

[ 20 : 19 ] Satan to be delivered from all those things which trouble us in the day we live in this troubled world of ours and now we have an inheritance that's undefined to know we have a dwelling place in the golden earth to know we have an hope within us and when the battle is all and between one there is a crowd of light with fame and a way which he the God of love has provided for us and that has returned and with God to our dear Savior how in his love he came here on us and that he might as we read in the tent of verse here in his love not that we loved

God but that he loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation of our sins oh what a mercy it is that if we have that hope within us that he came for that express purpose that you and I might have a full and free revision of our sins that they were laid upon him the scapegoat that the barrier of blood could not come anywhere near unto our dear Savior oh what a deep there is in thee coming of the Lord and Savior who lay co-equal co-etern with the Father before all worlds and then took upon himself the form of a servant condescended to be made a little glory angels for the suffering of death and came in that miraculous birth here on earth born of a virgin born by the wish and we of the

Holy Ghost the deep so profound in this crown of Israel will never receive or pardon I wonder not as wicked men are turning from this truth but nevertheless oh what an unbearable blessing if you and I by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit receive it and believe it the dear incarnate Lamb of all the Holy Sinner as he came in this earth as an babe in Bethlehem one who came to save us even at the uttermost as we as the Father saw fit to draw us unto his loving breast oh the love of Christ so rich so free so boundless is a boundless love a free love an unmeasurable love a love that none know but God's people really and truly though it be held by them how his love is manifested throughout the world some might say it doesn't look much like it in the day we live well it isn't what it looks like it's what it is

God's love is so great that we cannot fathom how it is extended out even to the wicked in this day when we live for you see how here he reigns upon the wicked and upon the just he feeds them clothes them oh how deep are his are his wonderful works to the children of men but his love then in our deus he was made now in that ultimately he shed his precious blood out to a tole us thin that rich of tole in blood which sprinkled round we see oh he gives us a fresh help by the way he encourages us to go forward even in our present path knowing that all our pathway to heaven is mapped out by him and that whatever path we may be in now it is by his love but when he came here how he offered up himself then a living sacrifice have forced him and in that sacrifice made full atonement unto the father and here the father's love was made known unto the son in that he accepted his work as being complete a will he cried out upon the cross it is finished or how as the poet says it is finished sinners hear it all who hear that voice of our dear saviour in the heavenly of his soul saying it is finished what for finished for and on your behalf and mine because he was a god of love that's why because he beheld the whole of his people all his living family as being one in him as he fought all worlds and come for that purpose in love how to redeem them out from the ruins of the poor well he loved a protecting love he protects them he protects them out from the assault of the enemy who will never assault the work of

God in the soul yea he will come sometimes with his mighty power and attempt to destroy even that life as he did with dear Job which God said touch not his life and he aches at it continually well that life the life of God in the soul is such that there is nothing that all that hell may do can in anyone's thought overthrow the purposes of God toward you and I though we have endured many assault from the enemy yet our God has lifted up a standard against him according unto his word which he declares when the enemy cometh in life of blood

[ 28 : 58 ] I will lift up a standard against him that's our only hope sinner for I am sure that if it not been the case for some of us we should be overcome by the mighty enemy remember he was that one and even tempted even our dear saviour dared him to doubt even I hear him of whom Christ said he shall find nothing in me but he finds everything in us how to work upon while our saviour all these things in love to his people and what is an enduring love it will endure forever and ever that love which was fixed upon them before all time and will be on them through life journey and be with them in eternity to come an enduring love love that knows no change your love and mine changes we barely do it off we are human you see we are fleshly a brother a brother you see may a brother in the truth

I mean here may lose his hold may be sometimes hot sometimes cold but Jesus is the same so there is putting no confidence in the flesh put no trust in a guy friends at any time though it does not mean that we shall love one another I love this chapter here I wish it was more manifested this portion that we could love one another more well we shall love the principle of the spirit within us it doesn't mean we love each other's crotchety ways of what we may be by nature oh no there's something far far deeper in this it is indeed it is that love of God in the soul it is that principle within it is that a feeling our heartfelt union in love for those things which

God has made it willing why you know these things will overcome all faults and failings as is love in the soul one to another and we shall cover them I don't mean cover their sin but with the color their faults and failings which are many why I sometimes if I may break away here I look at myself and I feel so full of them and as I look back upon my life sometimes I said of late a wasted life but he's a God of love he's the same you see today yesterday and forever and he is unchangeable and therefore though we speak thus a

God is that one that hath I believe all things are by sovereign will and that none of us have walked in another man's line of things are concerning what God hath done for us it's a mercy we count you know we try to imitate another which will get on the wrong ground but what God hath taught us these things we declare unto you the Savior wanted dear John said here in these particular chapters and also the apostle Paul when he came before King Agrippa he was speaking none other things than those which the prophets the patriarchs of prophets and others did speak saying that

Jesus should come and that he should deliver his people from their sins why do we desire to preach another other Jesus no more than dear Philip how would he to the human he preached under him Jesus or to be preserved in preaching oneself or preaching another man's line of things which we might have gathered up through life journey but of Greek Jesus those things which he may reveal unto us in a lesser or greater degree and in that truth his love may know in keeping us from the works of men keeping us from those things which might be a hindrance to us rather than to help but when we are unable to come cast ourselves wholly solely and completely upon him and prove that his love is made known in leading us into those things which shall be profitable for our souls well in

[ 35 : 26 ] God his love his love is made known when his people meet together from time to time in his earthly courts it is here they come sometimes and lose their load they may into his earthly courts feeling good cars down and well nigh destroyed but when they behold that he is a God of love that he that one that is perfect love which cast without fear that fear that perfect love which cast it out fear did you come here this morning full of fears or not why it is perfect love that cast fear the love of God shed broad in the heart by the

Holy Ghost will cast out all fear fear of eternal and everlasting damnation the love of God I say shed broad in the heart and will cast out that slavish fear that has torment I have witness of it I know it to be true not always there but we know it to be true therefore we testify of those things we have tasted handled and felt as a good word of life that we are not at the moment in the enjoyment of it but we do not cast it away because we not in present enjoyment of it but we speak it to the comfort of any that might fear that you might know more of the love of

God shed abroad in the heart which cast out that fear and that love which is shed abroad in the heart is that God in you the hope of glory it is he that is in the soul dwells in the soul and that causes this love the love of God to be in exercise if one were to come and ask us do we love God well you know we should have to say we love him we might have perhaps some fears if we love him to the desire we would but nevertheless we certainly could not say no well we love him because he first loved us why you know that his love has been put upon us before all worlds well doesn't it prove that he loved us before we loved him why you see it is in the front of time it is made manifest that our love is unto him and made known in our souls all that love then which is made known unasked for in some cases

I didn't ask for it but his love was made known to this poor sinner at the age of fourteen years old but we spread it away you know we try to put it from us and show no evidences of it around us ah the deep deep work of God my great natural fathom for those who have walked in it have got our true as behold his love watching over us from our birth to the third moment of time that you and I all of us are here this morning as monuments of his fairy mercy whether we fully realize it or not for if he had been stripped about iniquity in any of us we shouldn't have been here at least

I should for I should have been long where there should be no hope for mercy could ever come but is thou watching over us in the deepest temptations of the enemy watching over us in all our trials and difficulties for some of us have had many and I thought only on the past evening concerning how the world are their troubles and have none to go to but the world but you and I have the God of love we've got the God of love to go to in our troubles that is to us in death sometimes at least we feel it a great help to know that we have a

[ 41 : 20 ] God of love in heaven that we can go to in all our troubles whatever they are whatever kind however heavy they may be upon us we know that we have in heaven that God of love who is our burden bearer that there is nothing too heavy to bring in for you know that I would refer here as the word in Isaiah when he says the government is upon his shoulder which denotes strength and power and bite and so it is that there is no trouble however heavy however boom you you might be as too big to bring and I'm sure there nothing too little to bring unto him and it may be you can only bring it by thought or not with glancing of an eye to him that seated upon the throne to hear the groans and cries of his people yea and those that thought upon his name all while deep then in his love in these things the times gone while one feels the money touched upon the fringe but none can enter into the death of

God love none can ever really shall I say go into it in his fullness unless the spirit open it up well I feel there's so much in it that it would take a lifetime to attempt to try to get to the depth of it we shall never never know that depth of it and then I don't feel we shall know it then to the force in eternity to come it causes a never ending love you see we shall never get to the depth of it and ever never ending love in heaven above may you and I be favoured tonight and may we may hear that voice come ye blessed of my father and the kingdom which prepared you before the foundation of the world for may the

Lord have his blessed and fulfilled remarks we give above that one thing and this man hemos dar tolassen