



## Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 1  
November 15, 2020

### **1 John 4:16**

*16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.  
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*

Agape: The love of God for man. A love originating from God for mankind.

The highest form of love – it is selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional.  
A perfect love that transcends our human capabilities and capacity.

### **John 3:16**

*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.*

**For God loved His creation mankind so perfectly and unconditionally that He showed the ultimate selfless example of love by giving His only Son as a sacrifice so His beloved creation could spend eternity with Him.**

**You can't make God love you any more than He does, and He chooses not to love you less.**

**God is calling us back to the simplicity of His love for us.**

**God is our first love.**

**If you are a believer, you were drawn by God's love.**

### **John 6:44**

*44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them..."*

### **Jeremiah 31:3**

*3 ...I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.*

### **Romans 2:4**

*4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?*

**There is no motivator like love!**



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**God's predisposition is love.**

Predisposition: a tendency to hold a particular attitude, or act in a particular way.

**The One most qualified to be mad at you has chosen to never be mad at you!**

**Isaiah 54:9-10**

*9 "To me this is like the days of Noah,  
when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth.  
So now I have sworn not to be angry with you,  
never to rebuke you again.  
10 Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills be removed,  
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken  
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"  
says the Lord, who has compassion on you.*

**God is love.**

**1 John 4:19**

*19 We love because he first loved us*

**All people are God's creation, but not all people are God's children!**

**John 1:10-13**

*10 He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. 11 He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. 12 Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— 13 children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

**Romans 10:9-13**

*9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

**A love like God's requires a response.**

**John 14:15**

*15 "If you love me, keep my commands.*

