



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 19 – Easter Sunday
April 4, 2021

Agape love is a redemptive love.

“If man had his way, the plan of redemption would be an endless and bloody conflict. In reality, salvation was bought not by Jesus' fist, but by His nail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord surrendered in order that He might win; He destroyed His enemies by dying for them and conquered death by allowing death to conquer Him.”

— A.W. Tozer

Redemption requires action.

Romans 3:23-24

²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Redemption starts and ends with Jesus.

Satan meant Jesus' death to be a defeat – God meant it to redeem the world.

Act 2:24

²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

⁵⁴...“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?”

What if the very thing meant to defeat you is actually being used by God to redeem you?

What if your world's not falling apart, but is instead falling right into place?

God's not done with you. He's just getting started!

John 11:25-26

²⁵...“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ²⁶and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

