



## Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 21 – Foundation of Love  
May 2, 2021

***A key part of truly loving someone is wanting the best for them.***

*“Children need at least one person in their life who thinks the sun rises and sets on them; who delights in their existence and loves them unconditionally.”*

Pamela Leo

### **Matthew 7:11**

*<sup>11</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.*

***The way we love is just a shadow of God’s love.***

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

*<sup>16</sup> 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.*

***God is love. God set the pace.***

***God’s agape love is the prescription for an ailing heart.***

***If you know and rely on something, you assimilate it into your life.***

*“The problem is that we can put our trust in God for the forgiveness of our sins and yet be deaf to the message of God’s love.”*

Twila Senter

### **Luke 4:18-19**

*<sup>18</sup> “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,  
because he has anointed me  
to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners  
and recovery of sight for the blind,  
to set the oppressed free,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

***If we don’t fully believe in God’s love for us, then we don’t fully believe God.***



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***God loves me and wants the best for me!***

***God delights in our existence and loves us unconditionally.***

***If we don't stand on the Word of God and every promise in it – we'll fall for anything.***

**Romans 8:1-4 The Passion Translation**

<sup>1</sup> So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One.

***Those who are in Christ Jesus cannot be condemned.***

<sup>2</sup> For the "law" of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the "law" of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature.

***The law wasn't the way – it pointed to The Way.***

***The law showed us our utter need for God and His forgiveness. Jesus came to fulfill the law and be the bridge to God and His forgiveness.***

Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. <sup>4</sup> So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!

***God wants the best for us, so He sent His Best for us!***

***All God requires of us to attain His best has been satisfied by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus in us is enough to satisfy God.***

**Romans 8:31-35**

<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus



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*who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword*

#### **Romans 8:37-39**

*<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

***God has removed all the barriers so we could have His best!***

#### **Romans 8:3-17**

*<sup>3</sup>...And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

*<sup>5</sup> Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.*

*<sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

*<sup>14</sup> For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. <sup>15</sup> The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup> Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

