



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 26 – The Fog Cutter
June 13, 2021

You can't understand God's love until you learn how to live in it.

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.*

When we are in a fog we are not living in God's love.

John 8:36

³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Galatians 5:1

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

The love of Jesus Christ is the ultimate fog-cutter!

Romans 8:1-2 The Message (MSG)

With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

The love of Jesus Christ has set me free!

We are not set free from our brokenness to simply be nicer, happier people.

We are freed so we will walk free!

Jesus comes to us not as a threat, but as a Friend.

John 15:15

¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.



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1 John 3:18-20 (The Message)

My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, living in God's reality. It's also the way to shut down debilitating self-criticism, even when there is something to it. For God is greater than our worried hearts and knows more about us than we do ourselves.

And friends, once that's taken care of and we're no longer accusing or condemning ourselves, we're bold and free before God!

We must not just talk about love – we must practice real love!

When we live in God's love, we learn to get control of our minds.

It is in our minds that we decide what we believe to be true.

If Satan can affect our beliefs he can influence our feelings and our behavior.

Proverbs 4:23

²³ *Above all else, guard your heart,
for everything you do flows from it*

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV)

⁷ *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he*

We will act in accordance with how we see ourselves

The payoff of isolation is loneliness!

Proverbs 17:22 The Message (MSG)

²² *A cheerful disposition is good for your health;
gloom and doom leave you bone-tired.*

We partner in the miracle through belief and obedience.

We must attend our thoughts.

Take those thoughts captive to Christ.

