



GOD IS...THE BEING OF GOD

Section #6: God is LOVE ❤️

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EXPLORATION I

CATEGORY: THE BEING OF GOD

1/8

~~Section #1: God Exist, the Beginning the Creator~~

~~1/15~~

~~Section #2: God the Craftsman, sustains, incomparable, Unknowable/Know~~

~~1/22~~

~~Section #3: God is Good, Spirit,Light, Judge,Love (FRUIT/HS)~~

~~1/29~~

~~Section #4: God Unchangeable, Faithful&True, [Holy LATER]~~

EXPLORATION II

CATEGORY: THE NAMES OF GOD (God as)

LET ME INTRODUCE TO YOU

Facet of his Character

~~2/5 (Jenni)~~

~~Section #5: God, Yahweh, I AM, Provider, Healer~~

2/12 – X God is Love (Section #6:

ADD:NAMES-Banner, Sanctifies, Peace)

2/19 Section #7: Shepherd, Right, There

2/26 Section #8: Most High, Hosts, Rock, God of Israel

3/5 – BAPTISM

EXPLORATION III

CATEGORY: GOD IN 3 PERSONS

3/12 PR. ROBIN

Section #9: Trinity, Raised JC

3/19

Section #10: One, Father Compassion, Christ

3/26

Section #11: Lord, Flesh, Lamb, Mediator

4/2 PR. ROBIN

Section

#12: Shines, KoK, Son of Man

CATEGORY: THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD 4/9

Section #13:

Knowledge, Greatness, Justice, Mercy

4/16 (Easter is 4/20)

Section

#14: Wisdom, Stength, Wrath, Grace

4/23

Section #15: Majestic, Mighty, Happiness, Speaks

4/30 - OPEN

Section #16: Fire, Fear, Friendship, Glor

EXPLORATION IV

Other Names/Attributes: Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent Attributes

GOD IS....Now, prove this with scripture. Theology: The Study of God.

Without Theology, we just end up with personalities.

Theology matters because:

- Road map of what a believer in JC does.
- Defines who we really are.
- Drives missions work.
- Fuels worship.

GOD IS Journal – (on whiteboard)

How does this **BEING** (attribute) of GOD affect my life? My thoughts? My relationships? My decisions? My hurts? My expectations? ME? My choices? My actions?

JOURNAL

Either GOD **EXIST** and **HE IS WITH ME** everyday or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS THE **BEGINNING** and **HE OWNS** my everyday or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **CREATOR** and it **AFFECTS** my everyday or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **CRAFTSMAN** and it **SHAPES** my everyday or HE IS NOT. I AM ON PURPOSE

Either GOD **SUSTAINS** and it **INTERFERES** in my everyday or HE IS NOT

Either GOD IS **INCOMPARABLE** and it **TRANSFORMS** my everyday or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **UNKNOWABLE/YET KNOWABLE** and it **LEAVES MYSTERY** in my everyday or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **GOOD** and **I CAN TRUST HIM** (THE MESS OF LIFE WILL EVENTUALLY MAKE SENSE) or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **SPIRIT** and it **CONVERTS my spirit** or HE DOES NOT.[makes my spirit alive]

Either GOD IS **LIGHT** and is **INVINCIBLE** or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD IS **JUDGE** and it **EXPOSES** me or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD is **UNCHANGABLE** and **I can live life with COMPLETE CERTAINTY** or HE IS NOT.

Either GOD is **FAITHFUL & TRUE** and **I can have COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM & WHAT HE SAYS** or HE IS NOT.



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DID YOU USE YOUR OIL???

Love = [On white board]

Trying to describe love is like....**{roaming microphone}**

- I.E. Defining a marshmallow to someone who has never seen nor tasted one. **[DO]**

Wouldn't it just be easier to hand them a marshmallow?

THE BEING of GOD: LOVE

How God Defines LOVE

(List all the definitions on the board)

1 JOHN 4:7-16 NKJV

Knowing God Through Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Seeing God Through Love

¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

1 JOHN 4:7-16 CEB

Love and God

⁷ Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. ⁸ The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

¹¹ Dear friends, if God loved us this way, we also ought to love each other. ¹² No one has ever seen God. If we love each other, God remains in us and his love is made perfect in us. ¹³ This is how we know we remain in him and he remains in us, because he has given us a measure of his Spirit. ¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the savior of the world. ¹⁵ If any of us confess that Jesus is God's Son, God remains in us and we remain in God. ¹⁶ We have known and have believed the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.



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1 JOHN 4:7-16 NIV

God’s Love and Ours

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another,^(A) for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God^(B) and knows God.^(C) ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.^(D) ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son^(E) into the world that we might live through him.^(F) ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us^(G) and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.^(H) ¹¹ Dear friends,^(I) since God so loved us,^(J) we also ought to love one another.^(K) ¹² No one has ever seen God;^(L) *but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*^(M)

¹³ This is how we know^(N) that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.^(O) ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify^(P) that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.^(Q) ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,^(R) God lives in them and they in God.^(S) ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.^(T) Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.^(U)

¹⁷ This is how love is made complete^(A) among us so that we will have confidence^(B) on the day of judgment:^(C) **In this world we are like Jesus.**

Cross references

A. 1 John 4:7 : S 1Jn 3:11

1Jn 3:11¹¹ For this is the message you heard^(A) from the beginning:^(B) **We should love one another.**^(C)

B. 1 John 4:7 : S Jn 1:13

Jn 1:13¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.^(A)

C. 1 John 4:7 : S 1Jn 2:4

1Jn 2:4⁴ Whoever says, “I know him,”^(A) **but does not do what he commands** is a liar, and the truth is not in that person.^(B)

D. 1 John 4:8 : ver 7, 16

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E. 1 John 4:9 : Jn 1:18

Jn 1:18¹⁸ No one has ever seen God,^(A) but the one and only Son, who is himself God and^(B) is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.



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F. 1 John 4:9 : Jn 3:16, 17; 1Jn 5:11

Jn 3:16-17 ¹⁶ For God so loved^(A) the world **that he gave^(B) his one and only Son,^(C)** that whoever believes^(D) in him shall not perish but have eternal life.^(E) ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world^(A) to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.^(E)

1 Jn 5:11 ¹¹ And this is the testimony: God has **given us eternal life,^(A)** and this life is in his Son.^(E)

G. 1 John 4:10 : Ro 5:8, 10

Romans 5:8-10 ⁸ But God **demonstrates** his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.^(A) ⁹ Since we have now been **justified^(B)** by his blood,^(C) how much more shall we be **saved** from God’s wrath^(D) through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God’s enemies,^(E) we were **reconciled^(E)** to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!^(G)

H. 1 John 4:10 : S Ro 3:25

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,^(A) through the shedding of his blood^(B)—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished^(C)—

I. 1 John 4:11 : S 1Co 10:14

1 Cor 10:14 ¹⁴ Therefore, my dear friends,^(A) **flee from idolatry.**^(B)

J. 1 John 4:11 : S Jn 3:16

Jn 3:16 ¹⁶ For God so loved^(A) the world that he gave^(B) his one and only Son,^(C) that whoever believes^(D) in him shall not perish but have eternal life.^(E)

K. 1 John 4:11 : Jn 15:12; S 1Jn 3:11

JN 15:12 ¹² My command is this: Love each other **as I have loved you.**^(A)

1Jn 3:11 ¹¹ For this is the message you heard^(A) from the beginning:^(B) **We should love one another.**^(C)

L. 1 John 4:12 : S Jn 1:18

JN 1:18 ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God,^(A) but the one and only Son, who is himself God and^(B) is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known.**[make God Known]

M. 1 John 4:12 : ver 17; 1Jn 2:5

1 JN 4:17 ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete^(A) among us so that we will have confidence^(B) on the day of judgment:^(C) **In this world we are like Jesus.**

1JN 2:5 ⁵ **But if anyone obeys his word,^(A) love for God^(B) is truly made complete in them.^(C) This is how we know^(C) we are in him:**

N. 1 John 4:13 : S 1Jn 2:3



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1JN 2:3

³We know^(A) that we have come to know him^(B) if we **keep his commands**.^(C)

O. 1 John 4:13 : 1Jn 3:24

1JN 3:24 ²⁴The **one who keeps God’s commands**^(A) lives in him,^(B) and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: **We know it by the Spirit he gave us**.^(C)

P. 1 John 4:14 : S Jn 15:27

JN 15:27 ²⁷And you also must **testify**,^(A) for you have been with me from the beginning.^(B)

Q. 1 John 4:14 : S Lk 2:11; S Jn 3:17

LK 2:11 ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior^(A) has been **born to you**; he is the Messiah,^(B) the Lord.^(C)

JN 3:17 ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world^(A) to condemn the world, but **to save the world through him**.^(B) **JESUS**

R. 1 John 4:15 : S 1Jn 2:23; 5:5

1JN 2:23 ²³No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever **acknowledges the Son** has the Father also.^(A)

1JN 5:5 ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who **believes that Jesus is the Son of God**.^(A)

S. 1 John 4:15 : 1Jn 3:24

1JN 3:24 ²⁴The one who keeps God’s commands^(A) lives in him,^(B) and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.^(C)

T. 1 John 4:16 : ver 8

1JN 4:8 ⁸**Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love**.^(A)

U. 1 John 4:16 : ver 12, 13; 1Jn 3:24

1JN 4:12-13 ¹²No one has ever seen God;^(A) but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.^(B) ¹³This is how we know^(A) that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.^(B)

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WHAT does 1 John 4:7-16 tells us:

About how God Defines **LOVE**

And the Expectations that flow from that definition

- We need to understand Him = **LOVE**
- We need to replicate this **LOVE** that will be shown in our relationships with one another.
- **How is His love made complete in us?**
- What is this “knowing we remain in Him and He remains in us because He has given us a measure of His Spirit”?
- What is God’s greatest act of love? [His Son becoming human]

2 Corinthians 5:14 CEB

¹⁴The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. = **LOVE**

Isaiah 53:4-6

⁴ Surely He has borne our ^ggriefs
 And carried our ^ssorrows;
 Yet we ^eesteemed Him stricken,
^sSmitten by God, and afflicted.
⁵ But He *was* wounded^o for our
 transgressions,
He was ^bbruised for our iniquities;
 The chastisement for our
 peace *was* upon Him,
 And by His stripes^o we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
 We have turned, every one, to his own
 way;
 And the Lord ^hhas laid on Him the
 iniquity of us all.
 NKJV

⁴ Surely he took up our pain
 and bore our suffering,
 yet we considered him punished by God,
 stricken by him, and afflicted.
⁵ But he was pierced for our
 transgressions,
 he was crushed for our iniquities;
 the punishment that brought us
 peace was on him,
 and by his wounds we are healed.
⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
 each of us has turned to our own way;
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 the iniquity of us all.
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1 Cor 13:4-8

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, ⁵ it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, ⁶ it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. ⁷ Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never fails.

Galatians 5:14 ¹⁴ For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."^(a)

Leviticus 19:18

¹⁸ "Do not seek revenge^(a) or bear a grudge^(b) against anyone among your people,^(c) but love your neighbor^(d) as yourself.^(e) I am the Lord.

Matthew 5:43-45

Love for Enemies

⁴³ "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor^(a) and hate your enemy.'^(b) ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,^(c) ⁴⁵ that you may be children^(d) of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.^(e)

Galatians 6:2

² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.^(a)

CLOSING: Handout Basket of marshmallow treats



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