

December 19th , 2021— "Love Redeems"

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

1 Peter 4:8-10 NKJV

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

There will always be something in life that is more urgent, but nothing is more important than the Love of God.

+Christmas is a time to look beyond our differences, just as God did, and love one another.

Three main kinds of love are:

Eros: erotic, passionate, romantic love.

Philia: Friendship kind of love.

Agape: God kind of love.

2 Corinthians 9:15

+God's gift to us is Love. And not surprising because God IS love.

+At His core, God is love. Every action God takes part in is motivated and sustained by love.

Love is deeply personal, hard to fully define, and yet at the same time - we fully understand what we're looking at when we see it.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

1. Love is the New Commandment. John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:16

2. Love is a Choice. John 3:16

3. Love Redeems. John 3:17

God did not send Jesus to bring condemnation. He sent Jesus to bring redemption, reconciliation, and renewal.

Colossians 1:19-20

+One of the greatest responsibilities we have is to share the eternal impactful good news - the love of Jesus - with others.

The Gospel is most important topic in the Bible, and every other topic points back to the Gospel. This is because the Gospel is the Love of God expressed to a world that had rejected and despise His Word.

★Where have you seen the fullness of Christ - hope, peace, joy, and love this year?

*all verses taken from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

