



The Advent of Love

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Micah 7:18

Who is a God like You who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious acts of the remnant of His possessions? He does not retain His anger forever because He delights in unchanging love.

Micah 7:20

You will give truth to Jacob and unchanging love to Abraham.

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1. God Demonstrates Love

Romans 5:8, John 3:16

*“The very purpose of Christ’s coming into the world was that He might offer up His life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas.” **Billy Graham**

A. By sending Christ to die for us

B. By adopting us into His family

2. God Desires That We Be Lovers Too

A. God deserves to be loved by us

Matthew 22:37-40

- love God with all your **heart** - inner man, true you
- love God with all your **soul** - will, choices (Luke 6:46)
- love God with all your **mind** - world view, thought life

Love - 4 different words in Greek

1. eros - erotic or sensual love
2. phileo - friend love or friendship
3. storge - parental love
4. agape - unconditional love, the love of God

B. God demands that we love each other

John 13:34

A new commandment I give to you, the you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 15:12

This is My commandment that you love one another just as I have loved you.

John 15:17

This I command you, that you love one another.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all keep fervent in your love for each other, because love covers a multitude of sins.

C. God directs us to love the world

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, the you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

D. God develops the ability to love in us

i. By first being loved

1 John 4:19

We love, because He first loved us.

1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

ii. By gifting us to love in actions

iii. By empowering us by the Holy Spirit to bear the fruit of love



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