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Love: God's Crown Jewel

From the Series,
"What Is God Like?"

1 Corinthians 13:1-7
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Meadow Baptist Church

1. The Wonder At God's Love (1 John 3:1-2)

"1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is."

2. The Dynamics Of God's Love (1 Cor. 13: 4-7)

- a. God's love is gentle (4a) - "Love is patient and kind..."
- b. God's love is selfless (4b-5a) - "...love does not envy or boast (not insecure); it is not arrogant or rude (not dismissive). It does not insist on its own way (not forced upon you)."
- c. God's love is forgiving (5b) - "...it is not irritable or resentful..." Does not keep records of wrongdoings
- d. God's love is steadfast (6) - "It does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth."
- e. God's love is sheltering (7a) - "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things..." Lit: to roof over; cover, protect, preserve, conceal
- f. God's love is everlasting (7b) - "...endures all things." To stay under, to have fortitude, to persevere

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3. The Unfailing Nature Of God's Love (Romans 8:31-39)

"31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."