



The Kingdom Perspective

The Feast of God's Triune Love

Hello this is Pastor Don of Christ Redeemer Church. Welcome to The Kingdom Perspective.

If we were to peel back the universe to see what's underneath it—to discover the very source of reality—we would not find a mathematical formula, nor a scientific theory, nor a moral to do list, nor even a theological doctrinal statement. All these are good and necessary in their place, but they are not ultimate. Rather, if we were to peer into what's beyond and behind creation, we would find a perfect, eternal, untainted relationship of self-giving love. A divine community (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in an infinite, mutual, self-giving relationship—perfectly and equally sharing being and infinite delight before all time. One God in three Persons, and three Persons in One God.

Now, what does this mean? Well, most basically, it means love is real. As Christians, we do not have a thin and sentimental view of love. Love is not a mere feeling we experience. Love exists apart from our feelings. Indeed, it exists apart from and prior to *all* else. Love is more real than time, for love is in the very essence of God. God exists eternally as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in a relationship of self-giving love.

In making us in His image, God meant for us to share in the glory of this love. He meant for us to find our life in the overflow of His Triune love. He meant for us to reflect His self-giving love in our all our relationships. He meant for us to feast upon the infinite abundance of this love and lavish it upon others.

That's something to think about from The Kingdom Perspective.

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 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. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.”

~ 1 John 4:7-14 (NASB95)

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