

GOD IS

**If God is love, how
come I don't
always feel it?**

GOD IS _____.

1. God's love is a waterfall
2. The waterfall flows through the cross
3. We feel his love when we plunge in with others

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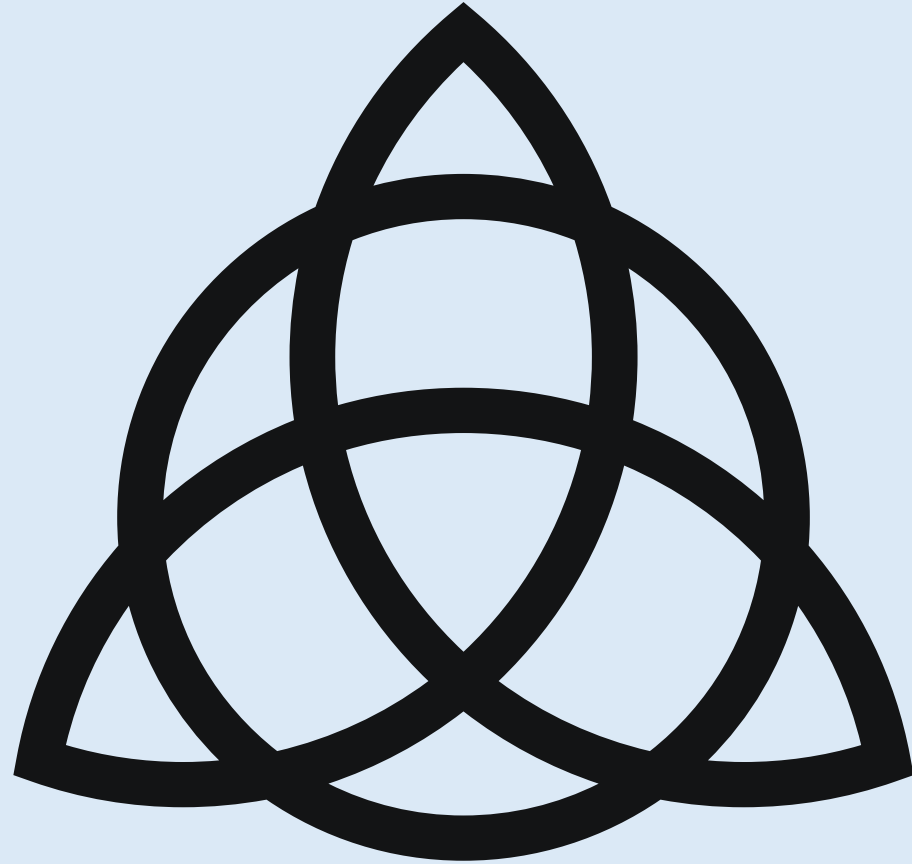
1. **God's love is a waterfall**

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 1 John 4:7-8

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General love vs Covenant Love

GOD IS _____.

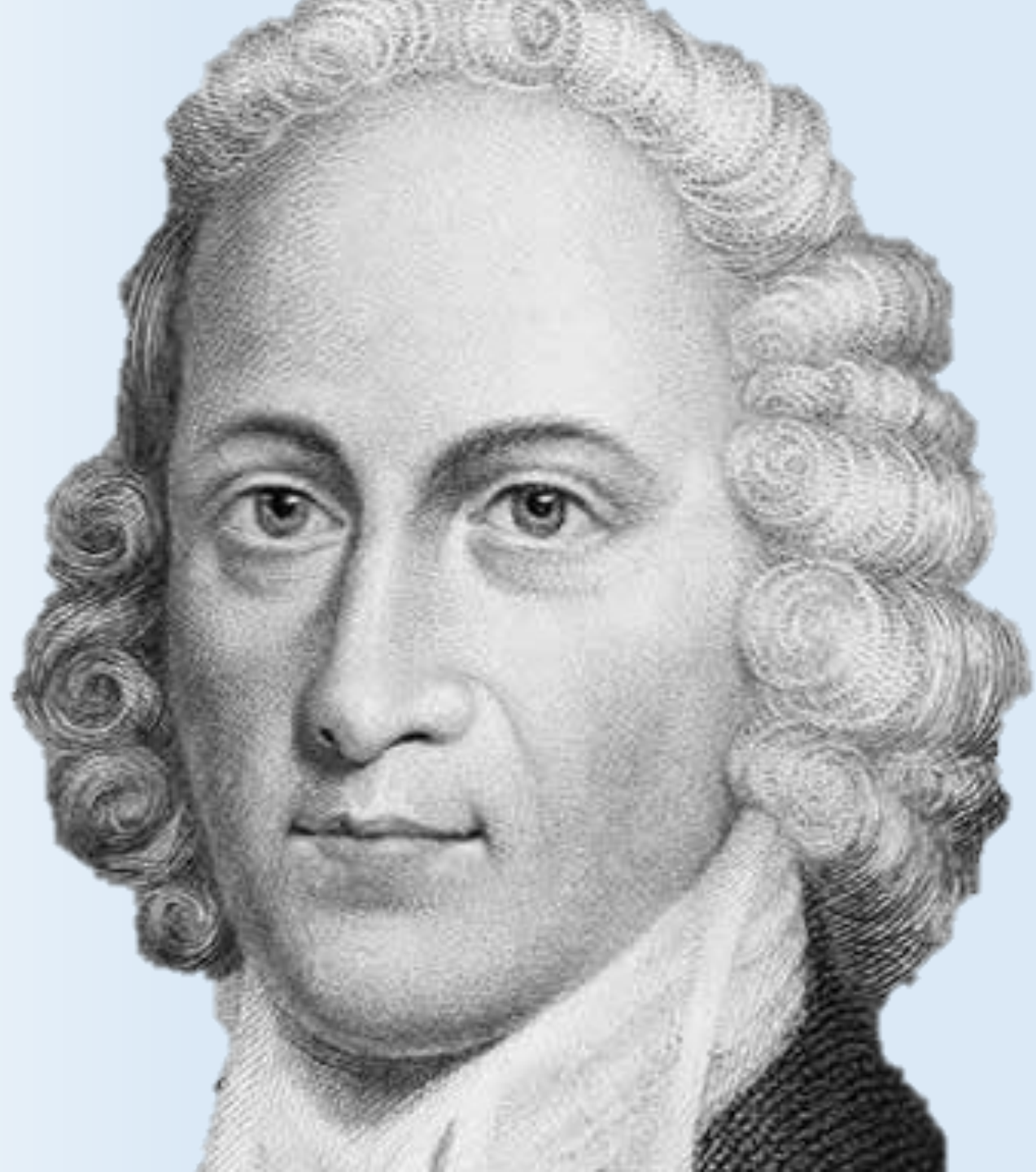


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“And there this glorious fountain forever flows forth in streams, yea, in rivers of love and delight, and these rivers swell, as it were, to an ocean of love, in which the souls of the ransomed may bathe with the sweetest enjoyment, and their hearts, as it were, be deluged with love. God is the fountain of love, as the sun is the fountain of light. And therefore the glorious presence of God in heaven fills heaven with love, as the sun, placed in the midst of the visible heavens in a clear day, fills the world with light.”





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2. The waterfall flows through the cross

In this, the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9-10

GOD IS _____.

Propitiation=ending
God's wrath through
sacrifice

GOD IS _____.

- God's immersive love
- God's protective love

GOD IS _____.

**God's wrath=God's
protective love**

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“What is the broken and contrite heart God wants so much (verse 17)? It is a heart that knows how little it deserves yet how much it has received. To know only the first truth is to be self-loathing, to know only the second is to be self-satisfied—and both kinds of hearts will be self-absorbed. David is talking instead about hearts broken by costly, free grace—knowing both how lost and how loved we are.” The Kellers in *Songs of Jesus*



Content **3. We feel his love when we plunge in with others**

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. 1

John 4:11-12

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"When we see that God loves like this we (the word is emphatic) also ought to love one another. The mainspring of our love for other people is the divine love shown to us in Christ's atoning work. Christians should love, not because all those they meet are attractive people, but because the love of God has transformed them and made them loving people. They should love now not because attractiveness in other people compels their love, but because, as Christians, it is their nature to love. 1 John 4:7" *New Bible Commentary*



The Jonah Problem

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