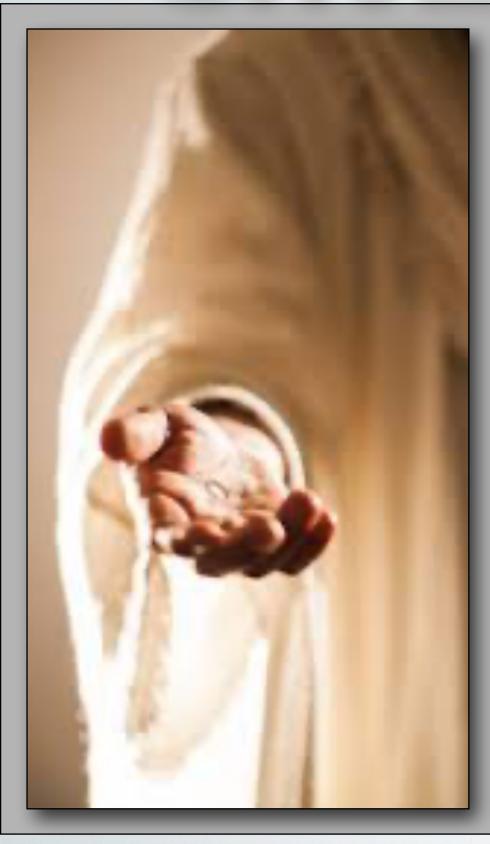


### GOD'S ATTRIBUTES

- Power Seen in the creation (Rom 1:20)
- Wisdom seen in the creation and His revelation (Psalm 19:2; 104:24; Prov 2:6)
- Righteousness and Holiness Seen in His judgment on sin (2 Pet 2:4-9)
- **LOVE** (*God is love* ... 1 John 4:8)
  - Why suffering, evil, war, injustice & death, (Gen. 3; 6; Rom. 1:18-32; 3:23 8:18-22),
  - How can God punish sinners, why hell? (Mat 25:41; Rev. 20:8)



### John 3:16–17 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

### Romans 5:6-11

<sup>6</sup> For when we were still without strength, <sup>4</sup> in due time <sup>k</sup>Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But <sup>1</sup>God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified mby His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 For oif when we were enemies pwe were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved <sup>q</sup>by His life. <sup>11</sup> And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

### Titus 3:1-7

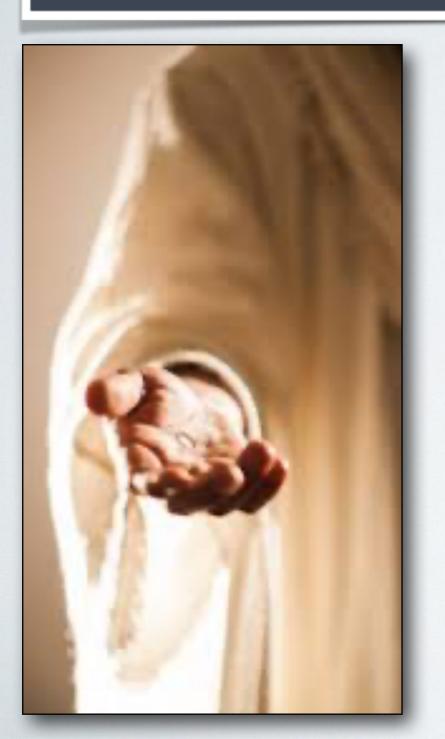
**3** Remind them <sup>a</sup>to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, <sup>b</sup>to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. <sup>3</sup> For <sup>c</sup>we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. <sup>4</sup>But when <sup>d</sup>the kindness and the love of <sup>e</sup>God our Savior toward man appeared, 5fnot by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through gthe washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6 h</sup>whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> that having been justified by His grace iwe should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

### God's Love For The World



- A Deliberate Purpose & Choice (1 John 4:9-10; 19; Eph. 1:4-6
- Is Undeserved (Eph. 2:3-9; Rom. 5:8-10; Titus 3:3-5)
- Is Sacrificial (John 3:16; Rom. 8:23; Eph 5:2; 1 John 4:9-10)
- Is Universal & Personal (John 1:9; 3:16-17; Titus 2:11,12; 1 Tim. 2:4-6; 1 John 2:1-2; Gal. 2:20-21; 2 Pet. 3:9)
- Is Trustworthy (Romans 8:35-39; Hebrews 13:5; 1 Peter 5:7-11)

### God's Love For The World



- God's love moved Him to provide salvation for all men (John 3:16; Titus 2:11,12; 1 Jn 2:1,2)
- To be saved by God's love, we MUST believe/obey JESUS (John 3:13-21; 20:30,31; 1 Tim. 1:15, 16; Heb 5:8,9).

**BASIS** 

(Not of our WORKS)

God's Universal Kindness, Love & Mercy.

The Gracious
Gift of God's Son
& The Gospel -

#### SALVATION

RECEPTION
MUST meet GOD'S
CONDITIONS
Romans 10:9,10
Acts 2:38

Faith – (Repent – Confess – Be baptized - Persevere)

#### **PROVISION**

(Not of our WORKS)

### FRUIT of GOD'S LOVE



- Is Motivational (2 Cor 5:14-15; Hebrews 12:18-24; 1 John 3:1-3)
  - Motivates us to love God(1 John 4:10, 17-19; Mark 12:29-31)
  - Motivates us to love our brethren (1 John 4:7-11; 5:1)
  - Motivates us to obey God (2 Cor, 5:15; John 14:21,23; 1 John 2:5; 3:18-24; 5:3; 2 John 1:6)

### 1 John 4:7-5:5

#### **Knowing God Through Love**

everyone who <sup>i</sup>loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten <sup>k</sup>Son into the world, that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, <sup>l</sup>not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son <sup>m</sup>to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, <sup>n</sup>if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

### 1 John 4:7-5:5

#### Seeing God Through Love

<sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> <sup>p</sup>By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And <sup>q</sup>we have seen and testify that <sup>r</sup>the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 SWhoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and <sup>t</sup>he who abides in love abides in God, and God <sup>u</sup>in him.

### 1 John 4:7-5:5

Love has been perfected among us in this: that "we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup> We love <sup>3</sup> Him because He first loved us.

#### Obedience by Faith

<sup>20 x</sup>If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, <sup>4</sup>how can he love God <sup>y</sup>whom he has not seen? <sup>21</sup> And <sup>z</sup>this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

### 1 John 4:7-5:5

5 Whoever believes that <sup>a</sup>Jesus is the Christ is <sup>b</sup>born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and 'keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup> dFor this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And <sup>e</sup>His commandments are not burdensome. 4 For fwhatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that ghas overcome the world—¹our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is he who overcomes the world, but <sup>h</sup>he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### Colossians 3:12-14

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, <sup>v</sup>as the elect of God, holy and beloved, wput on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13 x</sup>bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> <sup>y</sup>But above all these things <sup>z</sup>put on love, which is the <sup>a</sup>bond of perfection.

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

<sup>4 d</sup>Love suffers long and is <sup>e</sup>kind; love <sup>f</sup>does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not <sup>2</sup>puffed up; <sup>5</sup>does not behave rudely, <sup>g</sup>does not seek its own, is not provoked, 3thinks no evil; 6 h does not rejoice in iniquity, but <sup>i</sup>rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails.

### FRUIT of GOD'S LOVE

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I Corinthians 13:4-8

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### Romans 12:9-21

<sup>9</sup> <sup>r</sup>Let love be without hypocrisy. <sup>s</sup>Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. <sup>10</sup> <sup>t</sup>Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, <sup>u</sup>in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup> not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup> <sup>v</sup> rejoicing in hope, <sup>w</sup> patient <sup>3</sup> in tribulation, <sup>x</sup> continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup> <sup>y</sup> distributing to the needs of the saints, <sup>z</sup> given <sup>4</sup> to hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>a</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. <sup>15</sup> <sup>b</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> <sup>c</sup>Be of the same mind toward one another. <sup>d</sup>Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

### Romans 12:9-21

<sup>17</sup> <sup>e</sup>Repay no one evil for evil. <sup>f</sup>Have <sup>5</sup> regard for good things in the sight of all men. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, as much as depends on you, <sup>g</sup>live peaceably with all men. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, <sup>h</sup>do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, <sup>i</sup>"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> Therefore

j"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but k overcome evil with good.

### WHAT LOVE CAN DO ...



#### LOVE CAN ...

- Repair our broken lives
- Heal our marriages
- Reconcile our families
- Mend our friendships
- Unite our churches
- Strengthen the hurting
- Convert our neighbor
- Change our community
- Overcome our enemies
- Save our souls



(John 3:16; Romans 5:6-11; Titus 3:1-7; 1 John 4:7-5:5)