

God is Love and That's All

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“God is Love” - 1 John 4:8

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“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

—Romans 5:8

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35 “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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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.”

—Romans 8:35-39

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“Note then the kindness and the severity of God...” -Romans 11:22

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**God is Love and That's All:
Means God is Sensitive and Sentimental**

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“¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.”

—Romans 1:18-23

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“More often than not, we want him to have fairy wings and spread fairy dust and shine like a precious little star, dispensing nothing but good times on everyone, like some kind of hybrid of Tinker Bell and Aladdin’s Genie. But the god of the Bible, this God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, is a pillar of fire and a column of smoke.

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His glory is blinding. It undoes people. It even takes people out. ‘It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God’ (Hebrews 10:31) The god of evangelicalism may be tame and tired at times, but the God of the Bible is mighty.”

-Matt Chandler

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“²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

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28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.”

-Romans 1:24-32

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The security of God's love is truly beautiful when seen against the severity of God's wrath

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**God is Love and That's All:
Means God Is Inadequate and Incomplete**

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“nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.” -Acts 17:25

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“33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! 34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” 35 “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” 36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

-Romans 11:33-36

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**God is Love and That's All:
Means God is Familiar and Friendly**

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“Without a doctrine of God’s wrath and the reality of hell, we will never fully appreciate the depth of Christ’s love and His amazing grace.”
-Dr. Danny Aiken

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” **-John 3:16**

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“The cross provides our access to relate to God, but we must always relate to him in light of who he is, not just who we think or hope him to be”
-Matt Chandler

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