



# God's Love

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### Leader's Notes

#### I. God is Love.

- Love is the true center of Christianity.
- 1 John 4:8, *"...for God is love" (NKJV).*
- Love is the key that causes every other spiritual principle to work in our lives.
- 1 John 4:16, *"We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them" (NLT).*
- *Love*, in the Hebrew scriptures, is from the word *khehsed* that is often translated "mercy" or "lovingkindness."
- The goodness of God's love will deliver, bless and bring victory.
- 2 Chronicles 20:21, *"Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever" (NKJV).*
- Psalm 106:1, *"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever" (NKJV).*

#### II. The qualities of love.

- In reading and studying the Bible, put God's Name in the place of the word *love*.
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, *"Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!" (NLT).*





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- God/love is patient and kind.
- God/love works with us, hopes in us and thinks the best about us.
- God/love is not selfish, jealous or trying to control us.
- God/love wants us to obey Him, because His ways will benefit, prosper and satisfy our hearts' desires.

### III. The Names of God demonstrate His love.

- Jehovah-Shalom—the Lord is our Peace.
  - Judges 6:24, *“So Gideon built an altar there to the Lord, and called it The-Lord-Is-Peace” (NKJV).*
- Jehovah-Ra-ah—the Lord is my Shepherd.
  - Psalm 23:1, *“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need” (NLT).*
- Jehovah-Jireh—the Lord will provide.
  - Genesis 22:14, *“And Abraham called the name of the place, The-Lord-Will-Provide” (NKJV).*
- Jehovah-Nissi—the Lord our Banner.
  - Exodus 17:15, *“And Moses built an altar and called its name, The-Lord-Is-My-Banner” (NKJV).*
- Jehovah-Tsidkenu—the Lord our Righteousness.
  - Jeremiah 23:6, *“And this will be his name: ‘The Lord Is Our Righteousness.’ In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety” (NLT).*
- Jehovah-Rapha—the Lord our Physician.
  - Exodus 15:26, *“If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in his sight, obeying his commands and keeping all his decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you” (NLT).*



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## Prayer of Confession...

*Heavenly Father, thank You that You are love, You have the character and qualities of love, and You love us. We praise You for directing our lives in the way of love that leads to our benefit, prosperity, satisfaction and victory. By faith we receive a greater understanding of Your love in our everyday lives.*

*In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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## Application...

Seek to know God through His written Word, the Bible, and by listening to the inner voice of the Holy Spirit. He will guide you and strengthen you. He will teach you what you have as a result of your born-again relationship to Jesus. And, the Holy Spirit will lead you to work with God and please Him in all that you do.

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