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Thanksgiving Is A Wonderful Time Of Year—Especially If You Have Someone To Thank!

Thanksgiving Is A National Holiday For Us – Set Aside To Give Thanks To God For All He Has Brought Us Through
We Give Thanks To The Lord

- Because Of Who He Is
- What He Has Done
- What He Is Doing
- What He Will Do
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Our Faith Is Built On The Fact That There Is A God To Thank

There Are Rivers Of Evidence Of God’s Love

God’s Love Is Hard To Fully Describe – It Overwhelms Us

God’s Love Is The Heart & Foundation Of A Thankful People

His Love Quenches Thirst In Life That Nothing Else Can
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THE LOVE OF GOD – HOW RICH – HOW AND PURE

Ephesians 3:17-18 (NIV) (17) ... And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, (18) may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ
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WHAT IS LOVE?

- Love, according to Scripture, is not a helpless sensation of desire. Rather, it is a purposeful act of self-giving. The one who genuinely loves is deliberately devoted to the one loved. True love arises from the will—not from blind emotion. MacArthur, J. F., Jr.

- In New Testament times, there were three primary words for love: eros (sensual love); phileo (brotherly love); and agape (unconditional, supernatural love). Our world speaks mainly of eros or phileo love, but God’s love is agape, the purest, deepest kind of love. Bright, B.
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LOVE IS NOT ABOUT GETTING IT’S ABOUT GIVING

John 15:13 (NIV) (13) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
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WHAT KIND OF LOVE DOES GOD HAVE FOR US?  
His Love Is Pure And Holy  

HIS LOVE IS AN ENDURING LOVE  
Psalm 136:1-3 (NIV)  
(1) Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.  
(2) Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.  
(3) Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever.
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LOVE COMES FROM GOD – FROM BEING BORN OF GOD AND KNOWING GOD

1 John 4:7-8 (NIV) (7) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (8) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.
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THE NATURE OF GOD: NOT JUST LOVING -- HE IS LOVE!

GOD’S LOVE ENABLES US TO LOVE

READ: 1 John 4:7-21
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HIS LOVE IS A GIVING LOVE—HE GIVES EVEN IN OUR LACK AND HELPLESSNESS

1 John 4:9-10 (NIV) (9) This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. (10) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.
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HIS LOVE CHANGES US – LIVES IN US – AND IS MADE COMPLETE IN US

1 John 4:11-12 (NIV) (11) Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (12) No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
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God -- Living In Us -- Enables Us To Love

We Love With God’s Love
We Love By Faith
We Love with Agape (Divine / Supernatural) Love
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HIS LOVE IS A RELIABLE LOVE

1 John 4:16 (NIV) (16) And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.
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There Are Four Sides Of God’s Love

1. The Width of His Love. “God so loved the world”
2. The Length of His Love. “He gave His only Son”
3. The Depth of His Love. “whoever believes shall not perish”
4. The Height of His Love. “shall have eternal Life.”
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God’s Love Is Powerful And Victorious
God’s Love Gives Sacrificially
God’s Love Is Lavished On Us
God’s Love Is Abounding
God’s Love Is Forgiving
God’s Love Is Unending
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The Great Model Of Love Is Jesus Christ

We See Love In All He Does

• *There Is Divine Love In The Teaching Of Jesus*
• *There Is Divine Love In The Miracles Of Jesus.*
• *There Is Divine Love In The Forgiveness Of Jesus.*
• *There Is Divine Love In The Tears Of Jesus*

Jesus Christ Is Love Personified
Be Thankful: Whoever Believes In His Son Has Eternal Life

John 17:3 (NIV) (3) Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.