

# love

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Love is the Heartbeat of the Incarnation | God with us and for us

**John 3:16 NIV** “<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Justice & Love | Pardon & Adoption

The perspective of an Orphan. Story adapted from Marcus Warner’s book Deeper Walk.

God’s Love Came Personally

**1 John 4:9–10 NLT** “<sup>9</sup>God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup>This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

God’s Love Brings Us Into His Family

**Romans 8:15–17 NLT** “<sup>15</sup>So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, “Azbba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ, we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.”

# God's Love Flows Through Us

**1 John 4:11–12 NLT** “<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love is brought to full expression in us.”

**Ephesians 3:12–19 NLT** “<sup>12</sup>Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence. <sup>13</sup>So please don't lose heart because of my trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored. <sup>14</sup>When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, <sup>15</sup>the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>16</sup>I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources, he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup>Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup>And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup>May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.”

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