

## **God is Love**

† **1 John 4:16** *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 them.*

Love is one of the many mysteries of God, and it defines his being. He is love. It is part of his essence. The Greek word agape (ἀγάπη) is used to for the kind of love God has for you. This love is described as unconditional. That is, he loves you because of who he is, not who you are.

There exists an important connection between God's love for you, and the effect or purpose that love has on you. You were made with purpose, not randomly or haphazardly. You are not abandon either. In love his amazing love, God remains a connected partner in your life. You are not alone.

† **Ephesians 2:10** *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

These good works are part of a personal ministry to God. You live for him in response to his love for you. You have freedom from your sins, and an eternity in heaven. Because of the work of the Holy Spirit in your heart, he makes it possible for you to live a life of serving. This is your life of personal ministry, and it is not optional, it is Biblical.

If personal ministry is not optional, but a way of life, then it is important to discover what God's plans are. God made you with a purpose, and his plans include designing you to fulfill those plans. God never asks you to do something without equipping you for completing those tasks. What God made you to be determines what he intends for you to do. This becomes part of your service- to discover what God has put in your heart. That discovery is rooted in Christ, and will always be centered in him.

† **1 Corinthians 1:30** *It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.*

As you listen, read, learn, and inwardly digest the wisdom of God, his interaction and love in your life will become ever more apparent and obvious. Live in him, with him, for him.

***Your life is not your own. Your life is your personal ministry to God.***