

Knowledge of the Holy

A study on the attributes of God based upon the AW Tozer book of the same name.

The Love of God

"Our Father which art in heaven, we thy Children are often troubled in mind, hearing within us at once the affirmations of faith, and the accusations of conscience. We are sure that there is in us nothing that could attract the love of the One as holy for us in Christ Jesus. If nothing in us can win Thy love, nothing in the universe can prevent Thee from loving us. Thy love is uncaused and undeserved. Thou art Thyself the reason for the love wherewith we are loved. Help us to believe the intensity, the eternity of the love that has found us. Then love will cast out fear; and our troubled hearts will be at peace, trusting not in what we are but in what thou hast declared thyself to be. AMEN. - AW Tozer

1 John 4:8c, 16b "...God is love."

We believe that the Bible is God's word, and that every word in the Bible is true in the original languages. However, words are to express ideas and not originate them.

Where do ideas originate? _____

In light of this, why is it essential that our Bibles from time to time need to be revised by scholars who love God and the Bible and believe the Bible to be God's word?

Because of this, it is the _____ of the Bible that we are loyal to.

This phrase "God is Love" has been used devoid of context by many a believer in Jesus. Those who do so, use it as a definitive statement about God.

"Had the apostle declared that love is what God is, we would be forced to infer that God is what love is, if literally God is love, then literally love is god and we are all duty bound to worship love as the only God there is, and God and love are identical." – AW Tozer

By thinking in such ways one effectively cancels out or makes inferior all God's other attributes except this one attribute. If we believe this, then our God is not the God of the Bible.

God is Love, however that statement has greater context! 1 John 4:7-10

Love is an attribute of God- something which He possesses. It is an essential attribute of God. It is true of God, but it is not God.

What is Love? _____

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1. Loves is seen in good will. Those who truly love, desire the good for all. 1 John 4:18

Of what do people fear?

Fear is cast out when we take hold of the perfect Love God has for us. Eph. 3:17-19

Why do people doubt God's love for them?

2. God's love tells us He is friendly. John 15:13-15

Oddly, the self-sufficient God has allowed himself to identify himself with you and I as His friends. He has no need for us yet loves us that we might have our needs satisfied in Him.

He gave of his own life for the love of his friends. John 10:11

To be Christ like then is to be friendly and giving toward others. 1 John 3:16-18

He stands at the door of our hearts and desires to "share in a meal" with us. Rev. 3:20

3. God's Love takes delight in His people. Zeph. 3:17

God hates sin and can never take pleasure in it- yet because of Jesus sacrifice he rejoices over us. What are your thoughts when you read that God sings over you?

"Hell is a place of no pleasure because there is no love there. Heaven is full of music because it is place where the pleasures of holy love abound. Earth is the place where the pleasure of love is mixed with pain, for sin is here, and hate and ill will. In such a world as ours love must sometimes suffer, as Christ suffered in giving himself for His own. ..

The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. In Christian experience it is the love content that distinguishes it from all other religions.