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Jer. 31:3



Everlasting Love

Deut. 33:27



Everlasting Security


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Our Present Turbulent World

- Global Pandemic
- Political Upheaval
- Racial Tensions
- Travel Restrictions
- Economic Devastation
- Widescale Unemployment
- Educational Uncertainties
- Change in Sports & Entertainment

The Love of God Affirmed in His Being

The Essence of God Portrayed

1. **John 4:24**

God is Spirit

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2.


1 John 1:5



God is Light

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3. **1 John 4:8,16**

God is Love

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God's love is displayed **every day** in the way that God cares for the entire world.

The **Benevolent** Love of God

The **Redemptive** Love of God

The Love of God Expressed in the Gospel

John 3:16

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An Important Distinction

Christ died
because
God **loved** us!

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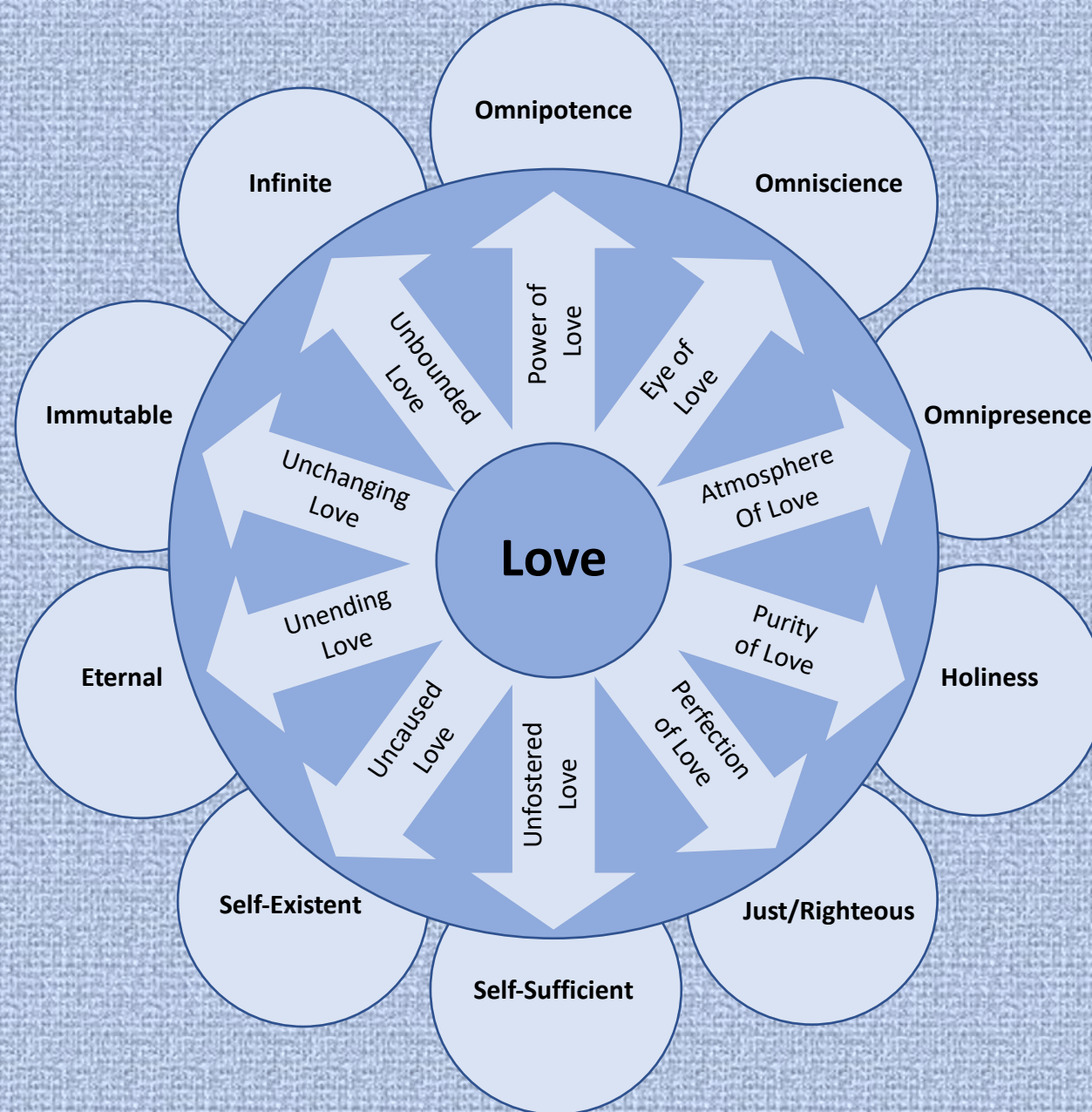
God **loved** us
because
Christ died.

This shows the **priority** of the **Love of God** for mankind **before** He sent His Son to die, **not after!**

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“It is not, therefore, without reason and design that we make **the love of God the concentric truth from which we start.**”

The Circle of Divine Perfections



The Love of God Accepted by Sinners

1 John 4:19

“We love Him **because** He first loved us.”

This verse tells us that God’s love is **prior to ours** and is **the cause of ours!**

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“The sum and substance of the text is, that **God’s uncaused love**, springing up within Himself, has been the **sole means of bringing us into the condition of loving Him.**”

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What Most of Us Really Think about God

His Nature

Great
Holy
Powerful
Authoritative

His Ruling Style

A Strict
Unbending
Taskmaster

His Character

Cold
Calculating
Not to be trusted

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How We Should Think about God

Loving

Loveable

This **disarms** our fears
and brings quiet **trust**
and joyful **obedience in**
believing the Gospel.

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What He Tells Us

Is. 55:8

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, declares the Lord.”

Rom. 5:6

“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.”

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Tokens of His Love

- Sins Forgiven
- Debt of Sin Paid in Full
- Deliverance from Captivity to Sin and Satan
- An Eternal Inheritance
- Adoption as His Beloved Children
- Peace with God through Jesus Christ

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The Gospel

1. An **invitation** to us as **sinners** to freely receive the Love of God as it is offered in His Son, Jesus Christ.

2. A **confirmation** to us as **believers** that we are the objects of the Love of God as all these tokens of His Love proceed to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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2 Thess. 2:16,17

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.”