

#### 1 John 4:7-12

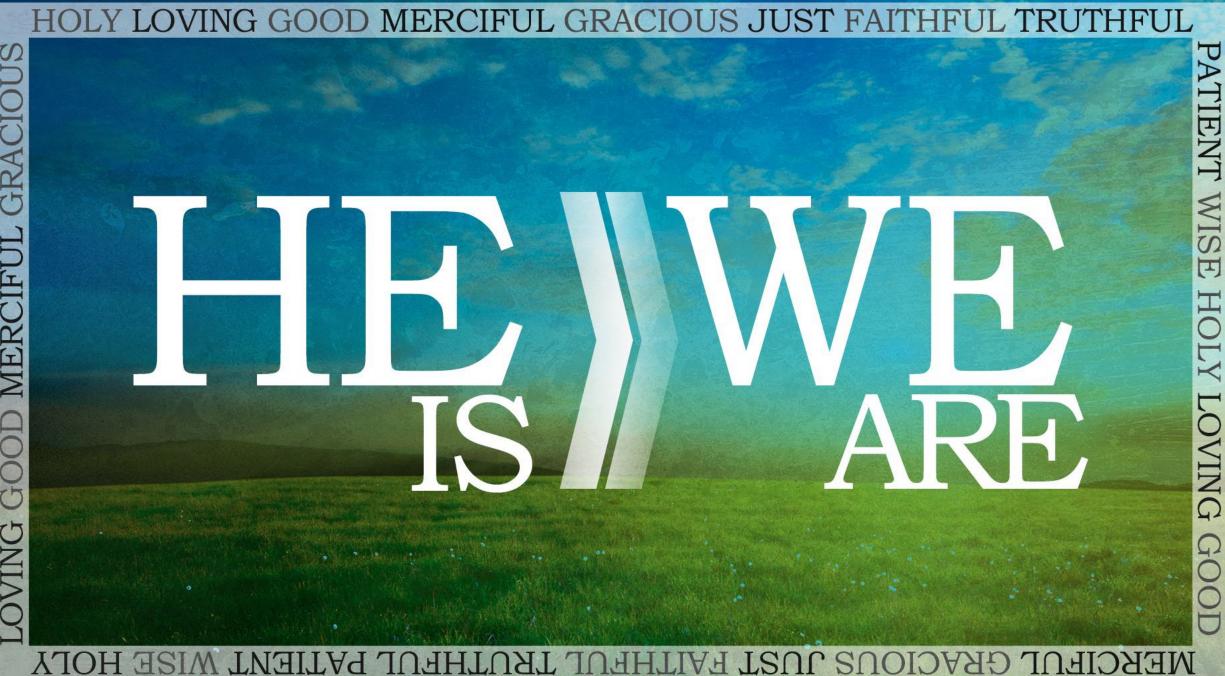
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Holy	Truthful
Loving	Wise
Good	
Just	
Merciful	
Gracious	
Faithful	
Patient	

God Most Loving Love gives oneself away for the sake of another Love Defined Love Distorted Love Displayed Love Reordered

# *"It's hard to talk about the Love of God. If ever there were an attribute of God bestrattled with baggage, it's this one."*





Storge- is the word used to describe a parent's love for a child. Philia is the word used to describe a brother-sisterly kind of love. Eros- is the word used to describe romantic love. Agape- is the world used to describe the love of God.

#### **God Most Loving**

Agape: more than a feeling, but an act of the will. An intelligent, purposeful attitude of esteem and devotion; a selfless, ongoing attitude that desires to do good to the one loved.

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#### Romans 5:5

and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

#### Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!".

#### **God Most Loving**

This is the WORK of the Christian life: To KNOW God's love, to RECEIVE it, ENJOY it, AND then REFLECT it!

#### God Most Loving I don't hate ANYONE therefore I must love EVERYONE. Opposite of agape love isn't hate, it's indifference [Tim Keller].



1 Corinthians 13:1-7 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.<sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

#### 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

<sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.



