



# IN HIS IMAGE

SUPREMACY OF LOVE



# THE IMAGE OF GOD

## GOD IS ...

- NAS **JOHN 4:24** "GOD IS SPIRIT, AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH."
- ESV **1 JOHN 1:5** THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE HAVE HEARD FROM HIM AND PROCLAIM TO YOU, THAT GOD IS LIGHT ...
- ESV **1 JOHN 4:8** ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...<sup>16</sup> SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

## GOD IS LOVE

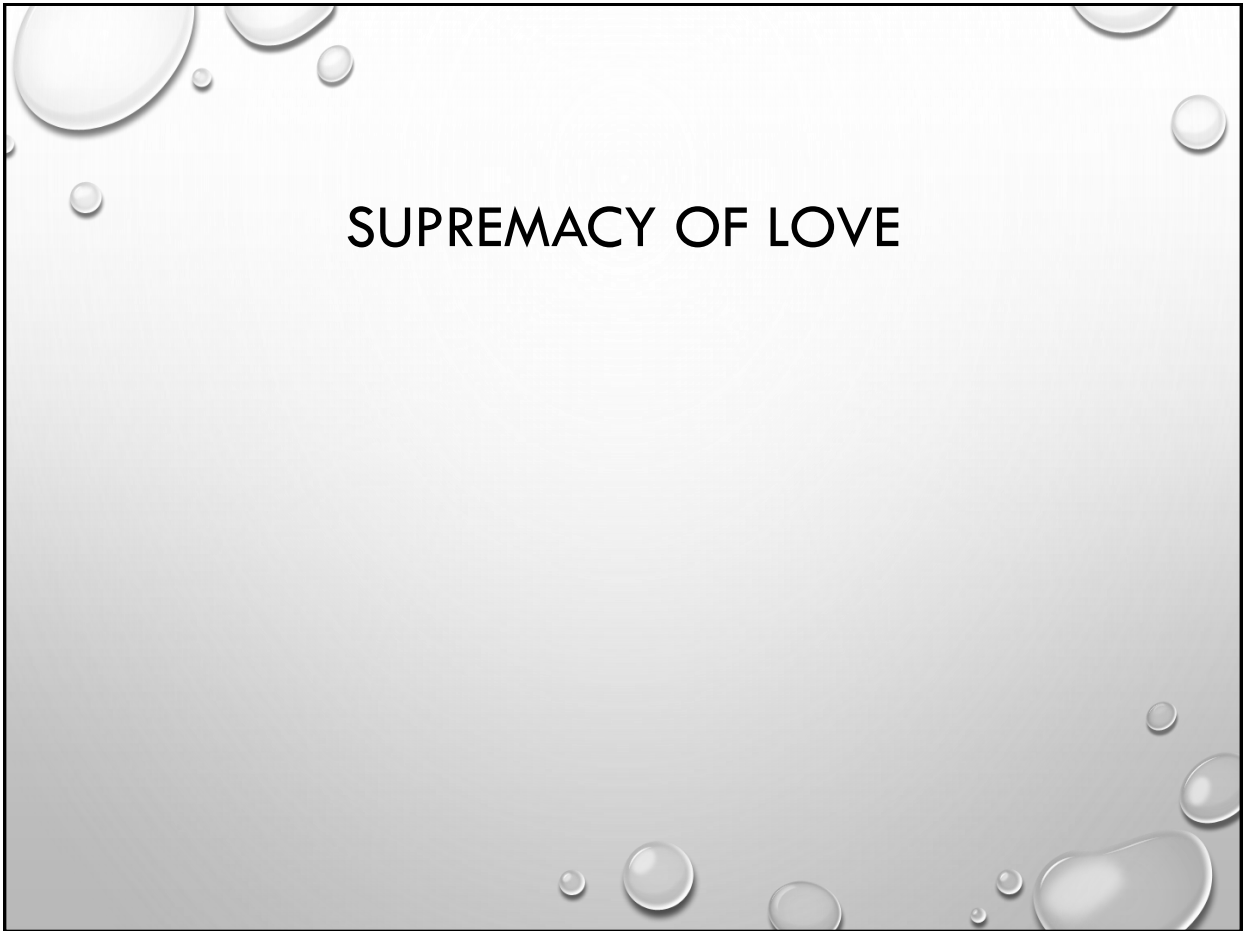
- LOVE IS THE VERY ESSENCE, NOT MERELY AN ATTRIBUTE, OF GOD. IT IS CO-ESSENTIAL WITH HIM: HE IS ALL LOVE, LOVE IS ALL OF HIM
  - *HENRY ALFORD*
- THE APOSTLE TELLS US THAT GOD IS LOVE, 1 JOHN 4:8. AND THEREFORE SEEING HE IS AN INFINITE BEING, IT FOLLOWS THAT HE IS AN INFINITE FOUNTAIN OF LOVE.
  - *JONATHAN EDWARDS*

## DEFINING [AGAPE] LOVE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 4:10** IN THIS IS LOVE, NOT THAT WE HAVE LOVED GOD BUT THAT HE LOVED US AND SENT HIS SON TO BE THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.
- <sup>NIV</sup> **ROMANS 5:8** BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS: WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 3:16** BY THIS WE KNOW LOVE, THAT HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 3:16** "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.



## LOVE IS SUPREME

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13** BUT NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:12** PUT ON THEN, AS GOD'S CHOSEN ONES, HOLY AND BELOVED, COMPASSIONATE HEARTS, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, MEEKNESS, AND PATIENCE, <sup>13</sup> BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND, IF ONE HAS A COMPLAINT AGAINST ANOTHER, FORGIVING EACH OTHER; AS THE LORD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU ALSO MUST FORGIVE. <sup>14</sup> AND ABOVE ALL THESE PUT ON LOVE ...
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 16:14** LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.



## FAITH AND HOPE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **HEBREWS 11:1** NOW FAITH IS THE ASSURANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE CONVICTION OF THINGS NOT SEEN.
- *HOPE* IS NOTHING ELSE THAN PERSEVERANCE IN *FAITH* FOR WHEN WE HAVE ONCE BELIEVED THE WORD OF GOD, IT REMAINS THAT WE PERSEVERE UNTIL THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THESE THINGS. HENCE, AS *FAITH* IS THE MOTHER OF *HOPE*, SO IT IS KEPT UP BY IT, SO AS NOT TO GIVE WAY.
  - CALVIN ON 1 COR.13:13

## IMPORTANCE OF FAITH

- <sup>NIV</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:8** FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH FAITH-- AND THIS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—
- <sup>ESV</sup> **HEBREWS 11:6** AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM, FOR WHOEVER WOULD DRAW NEAR TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO SEEK HIM.

## FAITH CAN BE IN VAIN

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 15:1** NOW I MAKE KNOWN TO YOU, BRETHREN, THE GOSPEL WHICH I PREACHED TO YOU, WHICH ALSO YOU RECEIVED, IN WHICH ALSO YOU STAND, <sup>2</sup> BY WHICH ALSO YOU ARE SAVED, IF YOU HOLD FAST THE WORD WHICH I PREACHED TO YOU, UNLESS YOU BELIEVED IN VAIN.

## FAITH ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

- <sup>ESV</sup> **JAMES 2:14** WHAT GOOD IS IT, MY BROTHERS, IF SOMEONE SAYS HE HAS FAITH BUT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS? CAN THAT FAITH SAVE HIM? <sup>15</sup> IF A BROTHER OR SISTER IS POORLY CLOTHED AND LACKING IN DAILY FOOD, <sup>16</sup> AND ONE OF YOU SAYS TO THEM, "GO IN PEACE, BE WARMED AND FILLED," WITHOUT GIVING THEM THE THINGS NEEDED FOR THE BODY, WHAT GOOD IS THAT? <sup>17</sup> SO ALSO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD. <sup>18</sup> BUT SOMEONE WILL SAY, "YOU HAVE FAITH AND I HAVE WORKS." SHOW ME YOUR FAITH APART FROM YOUR WORKS, AND I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.

## FAITH WITH WORKS IS NOT ENOUGH

- <sup>ESV</sup> **MATTHEW 7:21** "NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD,' WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN. <sup>22</sup> ON THAT DAY MANY WILL SAY TO ME, 'LORD, LORD, DID WE NOT PROPHECY IN YOUR NAME, AND CAST OUT DEMONS IN YOUR NAME, AND DO MANY MIGHTY WORKS IN YOUR NAME?' <sup>23</sup> AND THEN WILL I DECLARE TO THEM, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WORKERS OF LAWLESSNESS.'

## GOD'S WILL FOR US

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 13:34** "A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER. <sup>35</sup> "BY THIS ALL MEN WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:12** "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 13:8** OWE NOTHING TO ANYONE EXCEPT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER; FOR HE WHO LOVES HIS NEIGHBOR HAS FULFILLED *THE* LAW.



**LOVE > FAITH: REASON 1**

## FAITH WITHOUT LOVE IS NOT ENOUGH

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1** 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. <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>ESV</sup> **GALATIANS 5:6** FOR IN CHRIST JESUS NEITHER CIRCUMCISION NOR UNCIRCUMCISION COUNTS FOR ANYTHING, BUT ONLY FAITH WORKING THROUGH LOVE.





LOVE > FAITH AND HOPE: REASON 2

## LOVE WILL OUTLAST FAITH AND HOPE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:8** LOVE NEVER ENDS. AS FOR PROPHECIES, THEY WILL PASS AWAY; AS FOR TONGUES, THEY WILL CEASE; AS FOR KNOWLEDGE, IT WILL PASS AWAY. <sup>9</sup> FOR WE KNOW IN PART AND WE PROPHECY IN PART, <sup>10</sup> BUT WHEN THE PERFECT COMES, THE PARTIAL WILL PASS AWAY. <sup>11</sup> WHEN I WAS A CHILD, I SPOKE LIKE A CHILD, I THOUGHT LIKE A CHILD, I REASONED LIKE A CHILD. WHEN I BECAME A MAN, I GAVE UP CHILDISH WAYS. <sup>12</sup> FOR NOW WE SEE IN A MIRROR DIMLY, BUT THEN FACE TO FACE. NOW I KNOW IN PART; THEN I SHALL KNOW FULLY, EVEN AS I HAVE BEEN FULLY KNOWN.

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# CONCLUSIONS

## SUPREMACY OF LOVE

- NAS **1 CORINTHIANS 13:8** LOVE NEVER FAILS... <sup>13</sup> BUT NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

## PERFECT LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS; LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT ARROGANT, <sup>5</sup> DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY; IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN, IS NOT PROVOKED, DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WRONG *SUFFERED*, <sup>6</sup> DOES NOT REJOICE IN UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH; <sup>7</sup> BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.

## LOVE PERFECTED IN ETERNITY

- IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD

➤ <sup>NAS</sup> **1 THESSALONIANS 4:16** FOR THE LORD HIMSELF WILL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF *THE* ARCHANGEL, AND WITH THE TRUMPET OF GOD; AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST. <sup>17</sup> THEN WE WHO ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR, AND THUS WE SHALL ALWAYS BE WITH THE LORD.

## LOVE PERFECTED IN ETERNITY

- IN OUR BEARING THE IMAGE OF THE LORD

➤ <sup>NAS</sup> **1 JOHN 3:2** BELOVED, NOW WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, AND IT HAS NOT APPEARED AS YET WHAT WE SHALL BE. WE KNOW THAT, WHEN HE APPEARS, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, BECAUSE WE SHALL SEE HIM JUST AS HE IS.