

## **True Love Goes Far**

## By Pastor Sabu Samuel

Have you ever wondered why God loves us? We certainly don't deserve it but because of his mercy and grace. He truly loves us because he is God, that's how simple it gets.

There are three facets to his love (1) he is a perfect God. In John 17:23 "I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. The father loves his son, so he loves his children the same. If we love one another just as the father loves his son, there will be perfect unity. Everything that God does in your life is influenced by his love.

The second facet of God's love is he is eternal. His love originated before the foundation of the world. Romans 5:8, But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. When we were enemies of the cross, he choose to love us. More than words it was demonstrated on the cross, he gave it all to buy your freedom.

The third facet of God's unconditional love is that he NEVER fails. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is constant! Psalm 136 "For His lovingkindness is everlasting" If we could understand that God truly loves us, it would empower us to face those challenges with hope, it would encourage us to keep praying and not quit. This truth should guide us through each season of our life with assurance.

In conclusion, life brings uncertainties, many of us don't have control over what happens to us in life. We trust in a sovereign God who controls each event and outcome of our life. Place your trust in God's love that is perfect, eternal and unchanging. God provided a way through his son Jesus so we reign with him forever. "The Lord is good to all and his mercy is over all he has made" (Psalm 145:9).

## **God is Love**

## By Ruth Regi

Growing up, I was an extroverted baby. I would talk to anyone, hug anyone—essentially, I was just a happy-to-be-there type of kid, which I'm sure some of you remember fondly. Considering this month's theme, a cherished memory springs to mind. Walking around my old neighborhood with my Mom, I sparked up a conversation with an older lady. She then proceeded to ask me, "Who is God?" To her, I confidently replied, "God is love!"

To this day, it still amazes me how, even at such a young age, I connected God to the universal principle of love. Scripture explicitly reminds us in 1 John 4:8, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." Love is not just a characteristic of God; it is His very essence. Every action God takes, every word He speaks, and every command He gives flows from this boundless and divine love.

The Bible itself is one continuous testament of God's unwavering love and faithfulness throughout history. From the creation of the world to the ultimate sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus Christ, we witness the profound depth of God's agape love—selfless, unconditional, and sacrificial. Jesus' arrival on Earth, His teachings, death, and resurrection vividly demonstrate God's profound love and His desire for an intimate relationship with humanity. The narrative of Scripture consistently shows a faithful God who pursues His people relentlessly, always providing pathways to redemption, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

Knowing God means embodying this love—unconditional, compassionate, and inclusive. If we genuinely desire to spread God's word, our actions and words must reflect His profound love. Jesus commands us clearly in John 13:34, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This love transcends boundaries, overcoming discrimination, judgment, and division. To share God is to share love itself, as He is the ultimate author and source of agape love.

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Weekly Meetings					
Date	Time	Location			
Tuesday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Zoom			
Friday	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Zoom			
Saturday	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	@ Church			

Mark your Calendars					
Event	Date	Location			
Baptism	May 18th	Church			
PYPA	May 24th	Church			

Pray For Nations					
Country	Capital	Population est.			
Qatar	Doha	2,656,000			
Réunion	Saint-Denis	882,405			
Romania	Bucharest	19,060,000			
Russia	Moscow	143,800,000			
Rwanda	Kigali	13,950,000			