



Come Out of Her My People

The First and Great Commandment

Winter School Evening Series 2021



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Love not inherently good or bad

Bad Love

- Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world
- The love of money is the root of all evil
- Hate the good and love the evil

Good Love

- God is Love
- That ye love one another as I have loved you
- Hate the evil and love the good

Christian Love

The love of Christ is a central element of Christian belief and theology.

It refers to the love of Jesus Christ **for humanity**, the love of Christians for Christ, and the love of Christians for others.

These aspects are distinct in Christian teachings—the love for Christ is a reflection of **his love for all people**.

Love of Christ - Wikipedia

Christian Love

What is Agapae love in the Bible?

Agape is the highest of the four types of love in the Bible. This term defines God's immeasurable, incomparable love for humankind. It is the divine love that comes from God. Agape love is perfect, **unconditional**, sacrificial, and pure.

Jesus Christ demonstrated this kind of divine love to his Father and to **all humanity** in the way he lived and died: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Following his resurrection, Jesus asked the apostle Peter if he loved him (agape). Peter replied three times that he did, but the word he used was phileo or brotherly love (John 21:15–19). **Peter had not yet received the Holy Spirit at Pentecost; he was incapable of agape love.** But after Pentecost, Peter was so full of God's love that he spoke from his heart and 3,000 people were converted.

<https://www.learnreligions.com/types-of-love-in-the-bible-700177>

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Christian Love

- God's love is unconditional
- That God has an inherent love of humans
- That we need to have the same unconditional inherent love of humans
- In many cases – love requires an indwelling of God's spirit
- That God's love is the most powerful of all his characteristics and overcomes all others

Is God's love conditional or unconditional?

Unconditional

- He (God) maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust... Matthew 5:45
- God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.... John 3:16

But in a very defined sense – the sustenance of life and the opportunity for salvation

Is God's love conditional or unconditional?

Conditional

- God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son....that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16
- Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: On them which fell, severity; but towards thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. Romans 11:22



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Yahweh Revealed

Yahweh, Yahweh El,
merciful and gracious, longsuffering
and abundant in goodness and
truth, keeping mercy for thousands,
forgiving iniquity and transgression
and sin, and that will by no means
clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity
of the fathers upon the children and
upon the children's children, unto
the third and fourth generation.

Exodus 34:6



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The Perfection of the Father

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

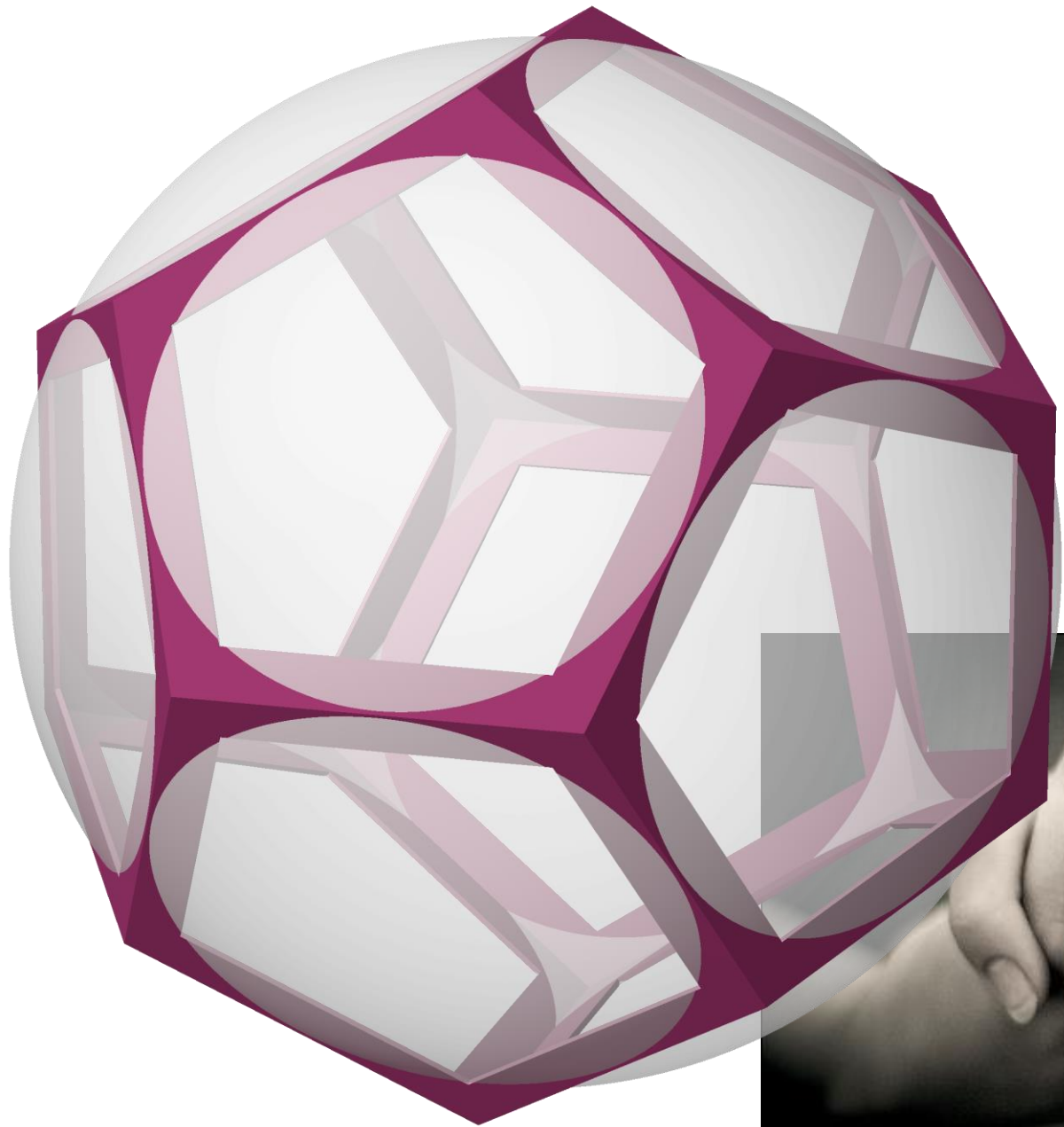
Psalms 85:10

Mistakes in Knowing God

This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. – John 17:3

- Goodness and Severity do not equate to Righteousness and Mercy
- Righteousness is not Judgement, they are two different things
- Not a balance – never in conflict or tension – but a perfect working together





Knowing God

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- Righteousness is always upheld – God will never ever act unrighteously
- A perfect working in unison of righteousness and mercy. Psalm 85:10-11
- Mercy rejoices against judgement (but never at the expense of God's righteousness)
- Love is the outworking of this perfect character

Our Love to God

- Psalm 116:1 – I love Yahweh, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
- Pure religion before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. James 1: 27
- ...to those that love God and keep his commands... Exodus 20:6
- Whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected I John 2:5.

Our love to God

**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all
thy soul, and with all thy mind**

Matthew 22:37