

THE CENTER OF GOD'S LOVE

Your Place in God's Infinite, Intimate Heart

Thesis: God's love is a circle, the center of which is everywhere and the circumference of which is nowhere. Each individual occupies God's center of focus. While God's love is centered on you, it is also centered on me...and on every other person in this vast world. While it is infinite in its scope, taking in all, it is intimate in its application, wholly devoted to each. Because God is omniscient and omnipresent, He is totally conscious of and present to every individual. And because God *is* love, He is perfectly sensitive to every experience that touches every life. This very moment, and every moment, you are loved with all of His love, as if you were the only person in all the universe...as am I.

John 3:16—For God so loved the WORLD...

Jeremiah 31:3—Yes, I have loved YOU with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn YOU.

1 John 4:8—God *is* love.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8—4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8Love never fails.

Genesis 1:27—God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Matthew 10:29-31, NLT—29What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. 30And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. 31So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

Jonah 4:11—Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?

Revelation 5:6—I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

2 Chronicles 16:9—The eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth.

Proverbs 15:3—The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

NOTE: Don't let the big reality of God's love for all diminish the personal reality of God's love for you.

NOTE: Omniscience=God is all-knowing; He knows all there is to know.

Omnipotence=God is all-powerful; He possesses all power.

Omnipresence=God is all-present; He is everywhere at all times.

"Omnipassion"=God is all-sensitive; He is emotionally responsive to all others beside Himself.

Acts 17:27-28—27He is not far from each one of us; 28for in Him we live and move and have our being.

Psalms 139:1-14—1 O LORD, You have searched me and known me. 2You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. 3You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. 4For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. 5You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. 6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it. 7Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? 8If I ascend into heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. 9If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10Even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me. 11If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,” even the night shall be light about me; 12indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You. 13For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. 14I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

Psalms 56:8, NLT—You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle. You have recorded each one in your book.

Hosea 11:8—How can I give you up, Ephraim? *How* can I hand you over, Israel?...My heart churns within Me; My sympathy is stirred.

Hebrews 4:15, KJV—For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 6:6, KJV—They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame.

Isaiah 63:9—In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His Presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them and carried them all the days of old.

Matthew 25:41-45—40Inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me... 45Inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.

Zephaniah 3:17—The LORD your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.

NOTE: “Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father’s heart” (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 356).

NOTE: God is so intimately connected with every person that whatever we do to anyone is done to Him. He feels every mistreatment and every act of service.

“Behold Your God”—Isaiah 40:9

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