

## Title: God's Unconditional Love

**Key text:** *1 Jn. 4:7-21; Rom. 8:35-39; 1 Cor. 4-7*

If there is one word in the English language that we have lost its true significance and meaning, it is the word **LOVE**.

The word 'love' is expressed differently in Greek. **Eros** means physical, passionate, or romantic love. **Phileo** is love that you extend to your friends and equals.

**Storge** refers to love of parents to their children.

**Agape** talks about God's unconditional love to us.

This is the unconditional and unfailing love of God.

### WHAT IS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE?

- *It is the selfless act of loving someone with full acceptance and without expecting anything in return*
- *It is loving someone no matter what they do, with no expectation of repayment*
- *It means loving someone for who they are, with no strings attached*

It is important to note that though God's love is unconditional, it doesn't mean it has no boundaries.

**True freedom has boundaries.**

*Freedom is not the right to do whatever we want to do. Freedom is the power to do what is right.*

**ILLUSTRATION:**

**God loved Adam and Eve so much that He placed them in a place full of His provision and He also set some boundaries for them.**

**Gen. 2:16-17** –*And the Lord commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may freely eat; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it you will surely die.*

God’s love is protective. And for us to enjoy and experience His unconditional love and true freedom, He has placed some boundaries to protect us from any harm and accidents.

God loves us so much that He placed those boundaries not for His benefit but for our own benefit.

**Human love is conditional.**

All human relationships, regardless, they are personal or legal, have terms and conditions

attached to them. Following the conditions of the terms, one can reap the full benefits that are stipulated in that agreement. This applies within the family, a business, an employment, and marriage relationships.

Human love will always raise the question – *What is the best thing that I can get from this person?*

Human love will always compel us to get the best at the expense of the other person.

Human love is often motivated by comfort and convenience.

### **God's love is unconditional!**

There is nothing that we can do to make God love us more and there's nothing we can do to make Him love us less. *God's love is not dependent on us!*

The Bible did not say, God has love. But that **HE IS LOVE**. He embodies love. He is the author and source of love.

For God not to love us or to deal with us outside of love will go against His nature and character.

God's love is often motivated by commitment and sacrifice.

God's love will always raise the question – *What is the best thing that I can do or give to this person?* True and genuine love will always compel to give the best, at His own expense, for the benefit of the other person.

**John 3:16** – *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...*

For God to show His unconditional love to us, it cost God the Father the life of His dear Son.

To say free love or love is free is an oxymoron.

There is no such thing as free love because it is the nature of love to bind itself.

**God's unconditional love is not based on our performance.**

God loves us despite our mistakes. When we make mistakes, God does not cease to love us. God loves people even if they do not respond to His love.

The parable of the prodigal father and his two sons reveals how great God's love is for us. God loves the younger son just as He loves the older son.

The **aim or goal** of God's unconditional love is **RELATIONSHIP.**

Every relationship that is not founded in God's unconditional love will always fall and will always fail. Therefore, every relationship must be founded in God's unconditional love. Read **1 Cor. 13: 4-8**.

God wants us to be walking illustrations of His unconditional love. Without God's love, we will amount to nothing. Read **1 Cor. 13: 1-2**.

**Jesus gave us a new commandment in John 13:35 -**  
*Jesus said "A new command I give you; love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples".*

**The real proof of being a true and genuine follower of Christ is our genuine love for one another.**

Though His love does not keep us from trials, His unconditional love has promised to see us through them.

Remember, to live outside of God's love is to live outside of God, because **God is love**.