

Living the Gospel:

Applying the good news to our lives & the church's life

Father's Love

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...because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:4-5)

I. The love of our fathers

- A. “No,” when we want them to say, “Yes.”
- B. “Yes,” when we want them to say, “No.”
- C. Boundaries to protect & love when we make mistakes.

II. The love of our Father

- A. Unconditional and unfathomable

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:9-10)

- B. Bigger than our disobedience

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

III. Our love for others

- A. God's love compels us to love.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

- B. God's love sets an example in how we are to love.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:34-35)

IV. This has implications for us!

- A. What changes when you learn God loves you?
- B. How should you love God in return?
- C. How are you doing with loving others?
- D. Have you accepted God's gift of love, eternal life?

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! (1 John 3:1a)