



# Developing A Systematic Theology

## The Doctrine Of God

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He that loveth not knoweth not God;  
for God is love. (1 John 4:8)

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...the love of God is shed abroad in  
our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is  
given unto us. (Romans 5:5)

By this shall all men know that ye are  
my disciples, if ye have love (Agape)  
one to another. (John 13:35)

Beloved, let us love one another: for  
love is of God; and every one that  
loveth is born of God, and knoweth  
God. (1 John 4:7)

### The Moral Attributes of God

1. Truth
2. Love

### Understanding Two Kinds of Love

1. **Agape:**  
To choose the highest or best good for another without  
utilitarian considerations
2. **Phileo:**  
To be friends with;  
To have personal attachment to;  
To have reciprocal affections;

### The Importance of Understanding Agape Love

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Charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;  
(1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.  
(Romans 12:15)

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: (Acts 10:34)

But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin... (James 2:9)

It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. (Proverbs 24:23)

For there is no respect of persons with God. (Romans 2:11)

The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. (Psalm 145:9)

One God and Father of all... (Ephesians 4:6)

...for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

For if ye love (agape) them which love (agape) you, what reward have ye? (Matthew 5:45-46)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. (John 3:16-17)

Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (John 3:16-17)

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Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. (Psalm 25:8)

For God so loved the world, that he gave... (John 3:16)

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: (1 John 3:16)

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. (Luke 6:35)

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**O Love of God.**  
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1. O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ev - er new;  
2. O wide-embracing, wondrous Love, We read thee in the sky a - bove,  
3. We read thee best in him who came To bear for us the cross of shame,  
4. O love of God, our shield and stay, Thro' all the perils of our way.

Un-com-pre-hend-ed and un - bought, Beyond all knowledge and all tho't.  
We read thee in the earth be-low, In seas that swell and streams that flow.  
Sent by the Fa-ther from on high, Our life to live, our death to die.  
E - ter-nal Love, in thee we rest, For-ev - er safe, for-ev-er blest!

