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GOD'S — KIND OF — LOVE

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God's Kind of Love

Do you think you have a good understanding of God's love? Most people would probably say yes. In fact, that's one reason this subject can be difficult to minister on. People hear "God loves you" and think, *Oh, I've already got that figured out.* But the truth is, many don't really understand God's kind of love.

We've Been Sold a Bill of Goods

There has been so much confusion about what love actually is. Our generation has been sold a counterfeit. You see it in movies, hear it in songs, and find it woven throughout our culture. Lust, emotions, and feelings are often called love. But God's kind of love is something entirely different.

In the English language, we use the word *love* for almost everything. We say we love our spouse, we love our dog, and we love ice cream. Hopefully there's a huge difference between those things, but we use the same word for all of them.

The Greek language, which the New Testament is translated from, is much more descriptive. It uses different words for different kinds of love. There's *eros*, a sexual kind of love. There's *phileo*, brotherly love. And then there's *agape*—God's kind of love.

That distinction matters, because there are people today who talk about God's love while completely misrepresenting it. Some even teach that God loves you so much that He might allow you to experience sickness, tragedy, or suffering to teach you something. They present hardship as though it were a blessing in disguise. **That isn't God's kind of love.**

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? . . . If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:11 and 13

Most parents understand love better than some religious teachings describe it. If your child asked for food, you wouldn't deliberately harm them. Yet there are people who claim God puts sickness, poverty, and destruction on His children. But the Bible says God is love. If we're going to understand Him correctly, we have to understand what that really means.

More Than a Feeling

One of the greatest misconceptions about love is the idea that it's primarily an emotion. Now, don't misunderstand me. God's kind of love certainly involves emotions, but it isn't driven by emotions. That's a major difference.

Many people talk about "falling in love" and "falling out of love"—as though love is something that just *happens* to them. One day it's there; the next day it's gone. That isn't God's kind of love. **God's love is a choice. It's a commitment expressed through action.**

I like the *King James Version* for multiple reasons, and one is how it uses the word *charity* in 1 Corinthians 13. Most modern translations simply use the word *love*, but *charity* speaks of love demonstrated. It's love in action. Think about organizations that are called charities. They aren't just *talking* about compassion. They're *doing* something about it. That's much closer to the biblical picture of *agape* love. God didn't just feel affection toward humanity. He acted.

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.

John 3:16

God's love moved Him to give. Jesus didn't go to the cross because He was overwhelmed with emotional feelings. He went to the cross because of a decision. He loved us enough to lay down His life. When He was suffering, rejected, beaten, and crucified, He wasn't operating from emotion. He was operating from the unwavering commitment of God's kind of love. That's a completely different picture than the one our culture presents.

The Mortar That Holds Everything Together

Many people refer to 1 Corinthians 13 as the “love chapter,” and for good reason. But it’s important to understand its context. Right before chapter 13, Paul spent an entire chapter talking about the gifts of the Holy Spirit—prophecy, miracles, healing, tongues, words of knowledge, and more. Then he said, *“And yet shew I unto you a more excellent way”* (1 Cor. 12:31).

Some people read that and conclude that love replaces the gifts. **That’s not what Paul was saying.** The point is that everything God gives us must operate through love. Love is what holds everything together. It’s the mortar between the bricks. You can have faith. You can have gifts of the Spirit. You can have good works. You can have knowledge. But if God’s kind of love isn’t holding it all together, you’ve missed the point.

Galatians 5:6 says that faith works by love. That’s powerful. There are people trying to use faith just to advance their own plans. They want God’s blessings without pursuing God’s heart. Then they wonder why things aren’t working. Faith works by love. Everything in the Christian life is designed to function through God’s kind of love.

Why Understanding God’s Love Changes Everything

Many believers are struggling to trust God. They’re wondering if He’ll answer their prayers, heal their bodies, provide for their needs, or come through in difficult situations. The root issue often isn’t faith. It’s understanding God’s love. If you truly understood how deeply God loves you, faith would become a natural response.

I remember a season when I was under tremendous financial pressure and wrestling with fear. Then one night I had a dream that reminded me of how faithful God had been throughout my life. When I woke up, my circumstances hadn’t

changed, but something inside me had. I became overwhelmed with the realization of how much God loved me.

That’s what happens when revelation replaces religion. Many people have been taught that God’s love is conditional. But God doesn’t love you because you’ve earned it or because you’ve become lovely enough. He loves you because He is love.

Love That Produces Action

Paul goes even further in 1 Corinthians 13. He says you can give everything you own to feed the poor. You can make incredible sacrifices. You can even give your body to be burned. Yet if it isn’t motivated by God’s kind of love, it profits you nothing. That’s a strong statement.

Even good actions can be driven by wrong motives. God’s kind of love changes the motive behind everything. That’s why this subject is so important. It’s the foundation that supports every other part of the Christian life.

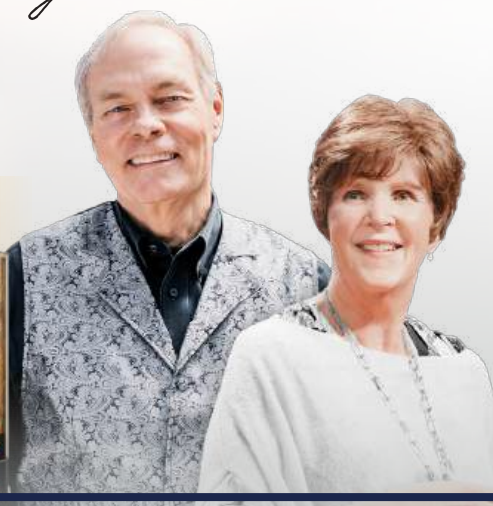
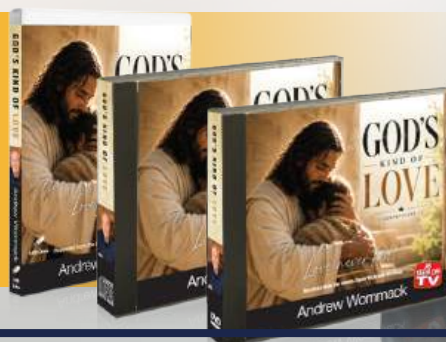
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Proverbs 13:22

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A will means that you can leave specific items or amounts of money to people that you choose, and also means that you can make provision for people or organisations that the law would not recognise without your clear choice.

More Than a Gift—An Act of Worship

For many believers, a legacy gift is one final act of worship. It declares that the Gospel wasn't simply something they believed. It was the foundation upon which they built their lives. By including ministries that faithfully share God's Word, make disciples, and reach the lost, your influence can extend far beyond your lifetime.

The size of the gift isn't what matters most. Throughout Scripture, God consistently shows that He values faithfulness over abundance. A simple act of generosity, placed in His hands, can touch countless lives in ways you may never fully know this side of heaven.

The Future Is Shaped by Your Faithfulness Today

Legacy isn't about being remembered. It's about faithfully stewarding all God has entrusted to you so that the message of Christ continues to reach others for generations to come.

As you consider your plans for the future, take time to prayerfully ask how your resources can continue advancing God's kingdom. The decisions you make today have the potential to bless your family, strengthen the church, and leave an eternal impact that reaches far beyond your lifetime. ■

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Beware of Powerless Traditions

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*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth**; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Romans 1:16, emphasis added

What should you expect as a believer of the Gospel? To understand this verse, let's look deeper. The Greek word for power is *dunamis*—explosive power. The word for salvation, *soteria*, speaks of wholeness and deliverance in every part of life: spirit, soul, and body. **That's everything you need.**

Sadly, many Christians have resigned themselves to fatalism. They've adopted clichés like "God is in control" and "If it be Thy will." But that's not the Gospel. The good news of Jesus is not a call to passive acceptance of everything that comes our way.

This doesn't mean believers will never face difficulties. Jesus clearly said we would have trouble in this world. But the Gospel also declares that trouble doesn't get the final word. Through Christ, we are equipped to overcome. We are called to reign in life—not to be ruled by fear, defeat, or despair.

That's why Colossians 2:8 warns us to guard against being taken captive by philosophy and the traditions of man. **Anything that diminishes your expectation of God's goodness and power robs you of what Christ came to provide.**

For decades, I have witnessed God's healing power at work in people's lives. I have seen dramatic healings. I've experienced healing personally. At one point, I was told I had only two days to live. Yet years later, here I stand—healthy, grateful, and more convinced than ever that the Gospel is still true.

But this isn't just about my story. It's about yours. The peace you've longed for is available. Freedom from the bondage you've accepted as permanent is possible. Healing, restoration, joy, and hope are not distant ideas; they're expressions of God's heart toward you today.

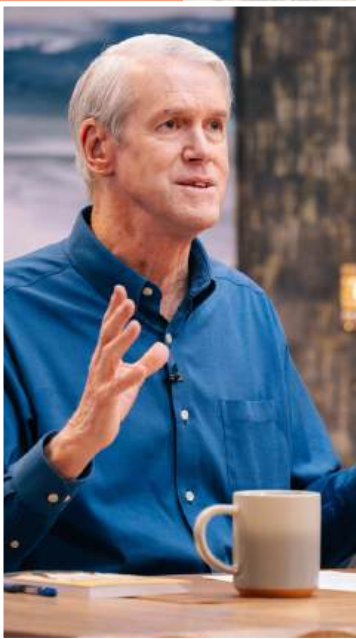
The Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation, and that power is not reserved for a select few. **It's available to you.** Believe the Gospel. Expect God's goodness. Refuse to settle for a faith defined by resignation when Jesus invites you into a life marked by hope, victory, and the transforming power of God. ■

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Your Faith Doesn't Grow—You Grow in Your Faith

These questions often arise in the life of believers:

Does the amount of my faith make a difference?
How do I know when I need more faith?
How do I know when I have enough faith?

In his message at the 2025 Global Ministers Conference, Bob Yandian shared how these questions shaped much of his thinking during his years with Kenneth Hagin Ministries and later as a pastor. He had often heard it taught that faith could grow (2 Thess. 1:3), yet he wrestled with what that meant.

For a time, he set the subject aside. But as he continued seeking God, the Lord began revealing Scriptures that led him into a deeper study of the Word and ultimately to a powerful revelation: **your faith doesn't grow—you grow in your faith.**

Bob came to see that Scripture emphasizes not an increase in the quantity of faith, but believers becoming established, confident, and mature in the faith they already received through Christ.

He explained that the clearest evidence of this is the new birth. The greatest expression of faith you ever exercised was the moment you were born again. You passed from death into life, from hell into heaven, and into the kingdom of God.

To illustrate this, he pointed to Scripture's progressive revelation of the magnitude of God's power:

1. **God created the universe with His fingers:** *"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained" (Ps. 8:3).*
2. **God created the earth with His hands:** *"The heavens are telling of the glory of God; And the expanse [of heaven] is declaring the work of His hands" (Ps. 19:1, Amplified Bible).*
3. **God raised Jesus from the dead with His arm:** *"Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" (Is. 53:1).*

In this progression, the Resurrection stands as the greatest display of God's power, the fullest revelation of His strength at work.

The greatest display of power God ever showed was raising Jesus Christ from the dead. The greatest work He ever does in your life is not raising you from the dead, curing you of cancer, or healing you from some incurable disease.

The greatest thing God will ever do for you is give you eternal life.

— Bob Yandian

Paul affirmed this same idea when he prayed for the Ephesians:

*And what is the **exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe**, according to the working of his mighty power, **Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead**, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 1:19–20, emphasis added

Jesus taught that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains in your life (Luke 17:6). The issue has never been the size of your faith—it's learning to walk confidently in the faith you already have.

So, if you already possess that faith, what mountain are you still treating as immovable? ■

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God's Kind of Love

Most believers say they understand God's love, but when life becomes difficult, they quietly begin to question it. In *God's Kind of Love*, Andrew walks you through Scripture to reveal that God's love is not simply a stronger version of human love but something far greater. Once you truly understand it, you will stop second-guessing Him and start resting in Him.



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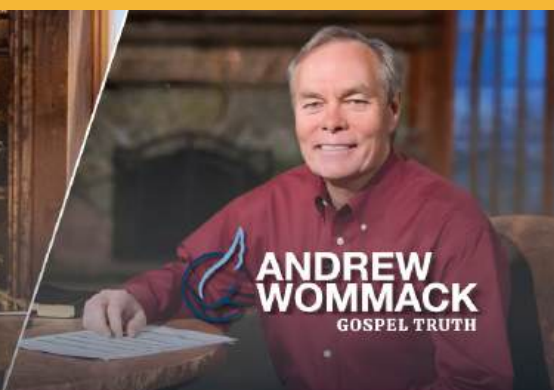
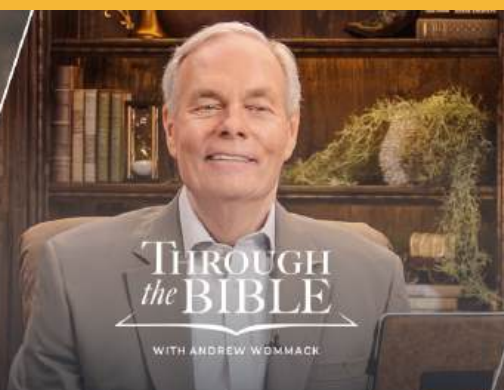
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