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In his book: The Attributes of God, A.W. Tozer tells us, the love of God is the most difficult and challenging of God's attributes to speak about. We might not understand God's love for us; Tozer wasn't sure he himself did as he says, we are trying to comprehend the incomprehensible.



To read: **God is love**... this is not a definition of God. silly people will say: **God is love = love is God**. To read: **God is love**, we learn this is an essential attribute of who God is: clearly seen best as God works on the first page of Genesis; creating things He did not need; things for others, for Adam and Eve and all who would come after them. We know whatever love is, it conditions all His other traits; whatever God does; His redeeming and condemning decisions are done **in love** toward His creation. In all He does, He does not contradict Himself.

Tozer says, **love** is like a petal of a flower; it is a significant part of the flower – it can be analyzed and pulled apart to scrutinized further, but it is not the flower. And we are not doing botanical research on biblical verses... as we study what these people were inspired by the Spirit of God to write.

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit,

but test the spirits to see if they are of God / historically, wherever the Good News of Jesus Christ has gone all through the world; those nations were transformed by the Spirit of Christ... only later to become inundated by haters of Christ; deceptively attacked by the nefarious who seek to seize their blessings and retake the reigns of leadership, destroying what first guided those nations:

because many false prophets / false teachers... have gone into the world.

² This is how you know the Spirit of God:

Every spirit that confesses Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God / evil spirits are busy as new translations give "proof" to their faulty translations, as the name **Jesus**, is separated from **Christ**, in newly discovered documents; but ancient documents did not separate Jesus Christ:

³ But every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not from God:

and is the spirit of antichrist which you heard is coming, and now already is in the world / both an enemy of, and a substitute for Christ, the Messiah, our Deliverer; if John was living now, would say they have arrived by the bus and airplane-full;

anyone who says: God is merely the Creator, He is not active in His creation; the incarnation is absurd to them since the divine cannot unite itself with anything material; there is no resurrection of the flesh; all these gnostic viewpoints and ideas are prevalent in the world today. The obvious words John was inspired to write are incomprehensible and meaningless to gnostic thinkers.

⁴ You are from God, little children, and have conquered them:

because greater is He who is in you,

than he who is in the world / the Spirit of God is greater than the current ruler of this world, who is the father of lies who inspires all his peanut-headed followers.

⁵ They are from the world: for this reason what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them / if they sound like the angry, violent, clueless lovers of self, -- populating the world in this genius 21st century, smashing and destroying; the world will listen to them: if they can't have what they want; then nobody can have what they want: Eat, drink and be merry, because tomorrow we die.

⁶ We are from God: he who knows God hears us;

but he who is **not** from God does **not** hear us / what John says: goes in one ear and out the other.

By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error / not terribly complicated, is it? Jesus said, If you continue in My words, then you will be My disciples; and you will know the truth and be free -- John 8... including free from the terrible spirit of error in the world.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is from God; Love always seeks good for the object of its affection.

and every one who loves has been born of God, and knows God / because God is the greatest Lover... and He is not confused about His love: He never seeks to harm His creation; He knows how and why He made every aspect of His creation... from its inanimate parts, to its organic and sentient -- conscious parts... all were lovingly made to support the crown of His creation: those made in His image and His likeness... who resemble Him... a very loving Father.

⁸ He who does not love, does not know God / they are too busy seeking their own good;

for God is love / which is not to say: Love is God; because **God is hate**... like a mother whose child is being abused by a stranger; it is proper for a mother to be violently angry with that stranger. But here, John emphasizes: **God's love**.

⁹ In this way the love of God was revealed to us,

that God sent His only begotten Son into the world

/ God so loved the world, **so that we might live through Him.**

¹⁰ In this is love, **not** that we loved God

but that He loved us / we are too busy loving ourselves; so our Father in heaven took the first step,

and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins / and what does that mean?

The propitiation for God: this Son satisfied God's rights... God's right way of doing things: starting with His Father's faithfulness to His word. God our Father always keeps His word. Unlike us, He is always right.

The expiation for man: this only Son had the ransom price... and He paid our penalty; He substituted His life for us... and removed our guilt -- the result of our sins; because His Father told us, by sin came death. In Greek: **hilasterion**...literally we could say: **the place of hilarity**... proving God will have the last laugh.

and sent His Son to be the hilasterion... for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us / and He did... a great and terrible price was paid,

we also should love one another

¹² No one has seen God at any time / no man, woman or child; will ever see Him, He is spirit, the only God we will see it Jesus who took on flesh and blood coming here.

If we love one another, God dwells in us and His love perfects us / He makes His home in us; His love makes us complete.

¹³ **This is how we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us** / we make our home and rest in Him,

because He has given us of His Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and testify / John said, we will forfeit our lives to let you know

the Father sent **the Son** to be **the Savior of the world** / recently thought they were the savior of the world... they haven't had much dealing with the Lord of glory. As John was writing, those in Rome thought they were the savior of the world; but Peter and Paul and John... and all the others... including Daniel; they all knew there was no chance in the world that a savior was found in Rome..

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that **Jesus is the Son of God,**

God dwells in him, and he in God / He makes His home in him.

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¹⁶ And we have known and believed **the love that God has toward us.**

God is love; and he who rests in love rests in God, **and God in him.**

¹⁷ This is how the love of God is making us complete,
so that we have confidence on the Day of Judgment:

because as He is, so also are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; instead, **perfect love throws out fear** / if we live and move in the love of God, there is no situation we should fear Him; He loves us, He is for us:

because fear involves punishment; and the one who fears is not perfected in God's love.

¹⁹ **We love Him, because He first loved us.**

²⁰ **If someone says, I love God,** and hates his brother,

he is a liar: because he who does **not** love his brother whom he has seen,

cannot love God whom he has not seen

²¹ **And this instruction we have from Him:**

he who loves God, loves his brother also / His instruction has 2 parts.

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