

# ***Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles***

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## ***Jesus, a Bridegroom with a Burning Heart of Love (Part 2)***

### **The Nature of God: Love**

God loves us in the way that God loves God (Jn. 15:9; 17:23).

This foundational truth gives us insight into the nature of God and His kingdom.

Jesus feels the same intensity of love for us that the Father feels for Him.

The Father has delighted in His fellowship with Jesus from all eternity.

9As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. (Jn. 15:9)

1. Love finds pleasure in others and in relating to them. When we love somebody we want them to feel loved. By the nature of love, Jesus desires a deep relationship with us.

2. Jesus desire is to make us feel loved and desires that we would celebrate our dignity and value. He finds pleasure in us, in sharing His heart with us, and in relating to us. He wants to partner with us in the work that His Father has entrusted to Him.

3. What we do matters in our interaction with God. What we do moves His heart. Our love for Him has a real impact on Him. He delights in us, our personality, gifts, and callings.

God's plan is that love would abound on the earth forever. Love is more than just a key thread in the tapestry of the salvation story. It is the main purpose in God's storyline that He communicated to Abraham, Moses, David, and all the prophets. It is the fulfillment of the law and prophets.

40On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. (Mt. 22:40)

Love is the greatest virtue, our greatest response to God, and the core message of the kingdom. Loving relationship with God is foundational to every aspect of the kingdom. It is the primary grid through which we define theology, salvation, justice, the Great Commission, the glory of God, the supremacy of Jesus, eternal rewards, the millennial kingdom, judgment, the Body of Christ, worship, intercession, holiness, humility, faith, family life, economic prosperity, leadership, etc.

13Now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (1 Cor. 13:13)

*Prayer:*

*Father thank you for your love...that you are love... That you never fail... you are always there with the certainty that You are love...*