

# LOVEworks #1: Loved!

**“We love because He first loved us”**

**-1 John 4:19**

## GOD’S LOVE IS...

### 1. Expansive in its SCOPE

**Ephesians 3:14** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—**that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,** that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

### 2. Exquisite in its COMPLEXITY

**Psalms 107:43** Whoever is wise, let him attend to these things; let them consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

### 3. Extreme in its SACRIFICE

**Romans 5:6** For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The cross is the supreme expression of God’s Love, because on the cross, God solved humanity’s biggest problem

### 4. Experiential in its COMPREHENSION

**Psalms 34:8** Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

**Romans 5:5** ...God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**Ephesians 3:19** ...and to KNOW the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge...

### 5. Exceedingly Wonderful in its SECURITY

**1John 3:1** How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**Romans 8:37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### 6. Expressive in its NATURE

**1John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**1John 4:19** We love because he first loved us.

#### LOVEworks Application

- Is there anything in your heart or your past that seems to be blocking your ability to experience God’s unconditional love for you?
- Is there a lack of love for a person or group that gives evidence that God’s Love is not yet fully embedded in your heart?
- Are you ‘all in’ for the LOVEworks 40 Day Adventure? If not, can you identify the reason(s)?

#### Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Deuteronomy 20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Deuteronomy 24   |

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