

## Episode CEP-0018 - What Did Jesus Teach - About God the Father – God is Love

### **Scripture References**

Gregory Brown does a great job of explaining the concept of the Trinity in an article published on bible.org.

### https://bible org/seriespage/9-trinity

If this link has changed, try searching for his book – The Bible Teacher's Guide – Theology Proper

The article is Chapter Nine in the book.

### God is Love

1 John 4:15-16 – "Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love, and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him."

Jesus taught:

John 17:23 – Jesus prays, "Father, thou has loved them, as thou has loved me."

John 17:24 – Thou lovest me before the foundation of the world"

John 17:26 – "I have declared... that the love wherewith you have loved me, may be in them, and I in them."

God has made it possible for us to carry His love to the world around us. His character of love can also become part of our character.

For it to happen, we must remain submitted to His will in our lives. We must accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

With God, love is not an act. It is who He is.

#### Jesus Taught

Jesus teaches 2 things about God's love:

- 1) He loves the whole world.
- 2) He loves every individual. He loves you.



If God loves us, why do bad things happen? First, the disobedience of mankind brought sin into this world. We are the cause of the problem. Second, it is possible that trials and tribulations work to draw us closer to God.

# Jesus explains God's love in parables

The Lost Sheep – Matthew 18:12-14 and Luke 15:4-7 The Lost Coin – Luke 15:8-10 The Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32

The Greatest Commandment Matthew 22

Love identifies us John 13:34-35

Love and Obedience are related

John 15:10