Love

Love is not God but God is love. It's one of his many characteristics. He must also be just and merciful and truthful as he remains love.

All apples are fruit but not all fruit are apples.

This is an apple.

Not everything the world calls love is God's love.

How do we know God's love?
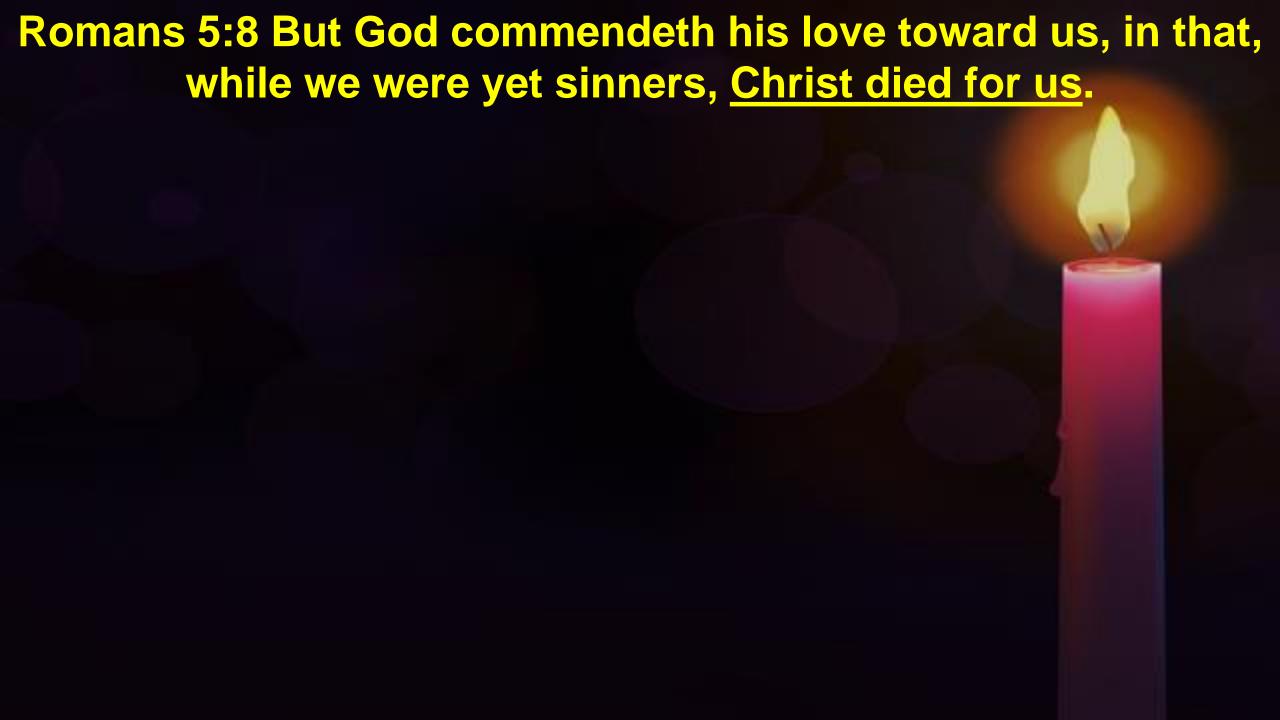
Point #1: God's love is selfless

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that <u>he gave</u> his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Point #2 *God's love is sacrificial*

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man <u>lay down his life</u> for his friends.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, <u>Christ died for us</u>.

Point #3 God's love is strong

Romans 8: 38-39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, <u>shall be able to separate us from the love of God</u>, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Point # 4 God's love is social

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, <u>that we should be called the sons of God</u>: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Point # 5 God's love is shareable.

1 John 4: 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. **12** No man hath seen God at any time. <u>If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us</u>.

Do you truly know God's love? - Ephesians 3:14-21

Do you love others? 1 John 4:20

Does Jesus represent my idea of love?

How can my idea of love look more like the love that Jesus shows?

Holy Spirit Reveal to me what love truly is?
Help me to not define it myself.
Holy Spirit what do you want me to know?
Come for prayer? Receive God's love.