

EXPERIENCING GOD: It's Unique

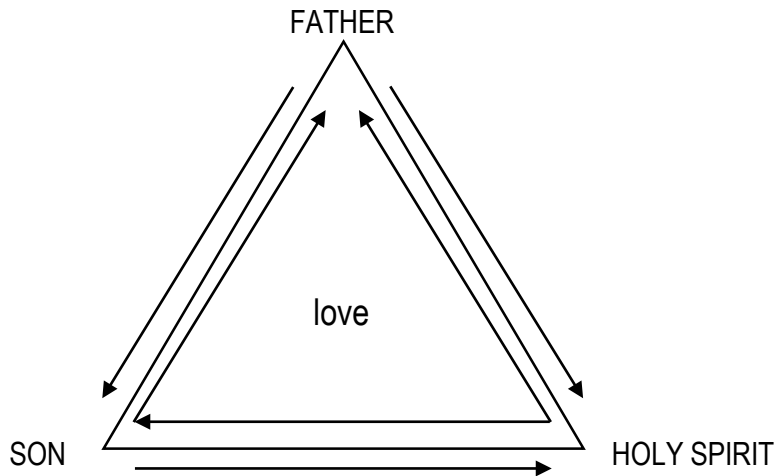
God longs to experience us.
We long to experience God.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:19

God is love

1 John 4:8



God is one being eternally existing in three coequal and coeternal persons, namely God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

God is . . .

- One
- Three
- Unity
- Diversity

LOVE can only be expressed in relationship. To say that God is love would require more than one person in the Godhead. If God was only Father he would not be in relationship and therefore could not be said to be love. For him to be Father and Son would mean that love was being expressed between members of the Godhead. We could then say that God is love. But mature, holy love frees one to love beyond the boundaries of only one other person. God's Trinitarian love is the ultimate expression of love and is why the bible tells us that God is love.

THE LOVE OF GOD is the unending, unyielding, unchanging, undeniable, sacrificial, pure, powerful, all-in goodness of God poured out for the glory of God and the blessing of the one loved. There is nothing more wonderful, more beautiful, more energizing, more impactful, more precious, more incredible than this love God has expressed eternally among the members of the Godhead which he then pours out into the lives of those who are the object of that love. This is the experience God longs to know with us.

Our response to that kind of love is to love him back again with all that we have and all that we are. Our experiencing God is only as measured as our understanding of his love for us and the expression of our love for him.

EXPERIENCING GOD IS UNIQUE . . .

- I cannot see or touch him 1 Peter 1:8
- He is perfect Deuteronomy 32:4
- He knows everything about me Psalm 139:1-18
- He is always with me Psalm 139:7-10
- He reads my mind Psalm 139:4
- He has everything in control around me Psalm 139:5
- He is the one who ultimately created me Psalm 139:13
- He has known me intimately all my life Psalm 139:15-16a
- He knows my past and my future right now Psalm 139:16
- He thinks about me all the time Psalm 139:17-18a

God knows me better than a friend could ever know me.
God knows me better than I could ever know myself.