

LIFESTORY: GOD LOVES

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GOD LOVES ...

To understand the Story, it helps to know something of the Author – God – and God is love. As we noted last week, love really only becomes love when it is expressed – it is relational. So if God is eternal, did He love before human beings were made, before the angels were on the scene, before anything other than God existed? If so, how? The answer comes in a word (though not found in scripture) which reveals one of the most important realities of God who “wrote” the story of Life.

Three In One: what the Bible says

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...’ Genesis 1:26 (NIV)

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.’” Matthew 3:16, 17 (NIV)

“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 (NIV)

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.” 2 Corinthians 13:14 (NIV)

Two Illustrations: Unity in Diversity

Family

Function

The story of life is the story of Love

“In the beginning God created... God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.” Genesis 1:1, 31 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)