



Beloved in Christ,

God, who is love, created us to experience His love and share it with others. Love is multidimensional and elicits various interpretations. The many layers of love provide different approaches to life and how we relate with each other. Limited human beings who worship our unlimited God can only appreciate love in a contextual form. Space and tolerance are to be extended to everyone, given the diverse but valid practice of love that individuals and groups embrace.

The Christian's understanding of love is based on the life and words of Jesus Christ. He qualifies the true meaning of love in today's gospel by stating that, "Those who love me will keep my word" (*Jn. 14:23*). The words of Jesus are spirit and life (*Jn. 6:63*). They are meant to be the source of our connection with our God. God spoke the word, and in love the world was created and life was formed. The Word took flesh and spoke in love, "Father forgive them" (*Lk. 23:34*) and new life was granted.

Love is unitive, not divisive. Jesus declares that the word He speaks is not His but from the Father who sent Him (Jn. 14:24b). This same union is evident when Jesus promises that the Father will send the Holy Spirit in His name (Jn. 14:26). The Father, Son and Holy Spirit speak the same language of life and corresponding works of love. All three are united. This is the doctrine of the Trinity, a teaching that is rooted in the understanding that three Persons are one God because of the love that is shared.

Christians reveal our love for God and each other by obedience to the word. The Bible is a result of the loving work of the Trinity. Our response to this word in our lives is the evidence of our desire to grow in the love of God and His ways. This word is our connection with God and serves as the basis of our relationship with each other. It comforts us in our struggles and challenges us to grow in faith, hope and love.

Since the word of God leads to life, let us ask for the grace to be living words of God who reveal His love by our worship and works of mercy.

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Faith is the womb that conceives this new life, baptism the rebirth by which it is brought forth into the light of day. The Church is its nurse; her teachings are its milk, the bread from heaven is its food. It is brought to maturity by the practice of virtue; it is wedded to wisdom; it gives birth to hope. Its home is the kingdom; its rich inheritance the joys of paradise; its end, not death, but the blessed and everlasting life prepared for those who are worthy.

— Saint Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop