

Sunday School: Biblical Theology

Week 9: The Story of Love

Schedule

THE TEXT TO BE EXAMINED

1. What Is the Bible? 9-13-15

THE TOOLS THAT ARE NEEDED

2. Exegetical Tools 9-20-15
3. Biblical Theology Tools 1: Covenants 9-27-15
4. Biblical Theology Tools 2: Prophecy 10-4-15
5. Comparing Systematic and Biblical Theology 10-11-15
6. Systematic Theology Tools 10-18-15

THE STORIES TO BE TOLD

7. Creation 10-25-15
8. Fall 11-1-15
9. Love 11-8-15
10. Sacrifice 11-15-15
11. Promise 11-22-15

PUTTING IT TOGETHER FOR THE CHURCH

12. Preaching and other benefits 11-29-15

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INTRODUCTION

What does the Bible mean when it says, “God is love”?

THE ULTIMATE LOVE STORY

PATTERNS IN THE STORYLINE

1. **The story is about marriage.**
 - Human marriage is a type of God’s relationship with us. (Eph 5:22-33, esp. v.32)

2. **The story is structured by covenants.**

3. **The story has discontinuity and continuity.**

SUMMARIZING IT ALL

Who Does God Love?

1. God Loves Himself

- John 10:17-18, 30, 38
- John 14:31
- John 17:1-5, 20-26

2. God Loves the World

- Ezekiel 33:11
- John 3:16

3. God Loves His Own People Distinctively

- John 15:9-17
- Deuteronomy 7:6-8
- 1 John 4:9-10, 19

4. God Loves Sinners

- Titus 3:4-5
- Romans 5:6-8
- Ephesians 2:1-10

How Does God Love?

1. God Loves Providentially

- Matthew 5:45-48

2. God Loves Sacrificially

- John 3:16

3. God Loves Perfectly (and Perfectingly)

- 1 John 3:1-3
- 2 Corinthians 3:18

Why Does God Love?

1. Because God Chooses To Love

- John 15:9-17
- Romans 9:10-13

2. Because God Loves His Glory

- Ephesians 1:5-6

CONCLUSION—GOD IS LOVE

- 1 John 4:7-8
- John 13:34-35