John 17:19-26 For their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified (set apart, cleansed) in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

God's loving rule (kingdom) is "on earth as it is in heaven." God is "glorified."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

1John 3:16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

Core Definition: Love is sacrificially ascribing worth to another.

- Eph. 1:4 he chose us *in Christ* before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.
- Eph. 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- John 17:23 you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.
- John 17:26 I made your name [character] known to them... so that the [very same] love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Father

Unsurpassable, Eternal, Unconditional Love

Christ Bride "in Christ"

2Pet. 1:4 [God] has given us...his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become participants of the divine nature.

John 17:26 I made your name known to them... so that the [very same] love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

- God ascribes infinite worth to us "in Christ." Hence we...
 - 1) ascribe God's infinite worth as Creator and savior (*love God*)
 - 2) we affirm our infinite worth in Christ (love ourselves),
 - 3) we ascribe infinite worth to all others as people for whom Christ died (*love others*)

Matt. 22:36-39 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

- 1John 3:11 For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- 1John 4:21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
- 1Cor. 16:14 Let all that you do be done in love.
- **Eph. 5:2** *live in love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
- Col. 3:14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
- 1Pet. 4:8 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Gal. 5:14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

1Cor. 13:1-3 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, *I am nothing*.

If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, *I gain nothing*.

1John 3:18 Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

The Central Question: AT EVERY MOMENT WITH EVERY PERSON IN EVERY SITUATION ...HOW CAN I ASCRIBE INFINITE WORTH TO THIS PERSON, FOR WHOM CHRIST DIED?

1 John 4:12 ...if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.