

## Flash Theology: God is Love

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.” – A.W. Tozer

Newbreak Mission: **Connecting people with God** through authentic relationships to serve communities.

What is God? (1 John 4:7-19 NLT)

“**God reveals Himself**, that is, **in creation and in Christ**, in ways we can see and hear and touch and taste, in place and person. Beauty is the term we apply to these hints of transcendence, these perceptions that there is more going on here than we can account for.” - Eugene Peterson, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*

### 1. God is perfect love. (1 John 4:8 NLT)

Different types of love:

- **Eros**: Romantic Love
- **Storge**: Family Love
- **Phileo**: Friendly Love
- **Agape**: Divine Love (1 John 4:18 NLT; John 3:16 NIV)

### 2. God is relational. (1 John 4:13 NLT; Genesis 1:26 NIV)

#### FLASH FACT:

**Perichoresis** - Mutual indwelling of the persons of the trinity

We cannot see God without seeing all three persons at the same time.

### 3. God invites us to extend His love to our world. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21 NLT)

God invites us to participate in **restoring the world**.

God says, “Let’s put the world back together, **together**.”

1 John 4:19 (NLT) We love each other because he loved us first.