**John Wesley sermon: The Love of God (144)**

Loving God,

Love is the end of every command of Christ,

the purpose of which is to put love

         at the center of everything I am and do.

I want to love you with my whole being:

         to delight in you and express my gratitude to you;

         to devote to you the highest degree of my love;

to define all my loves in reference to you.

I want my nature and my name to be love, like you:

         to love all people without condition;

         to love everything and everyone you have made;

         to love in a way that reflects your unbounded love.

   Unto you, O God, who first loved me;

     unto you, O Christ, who received and restored me;

         unto you, O Holy Spirit, who fills my heart with love;

         be all love and all glory, now and forevermore. Amen.

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**Charles Wesley hymn:**

To love is all my wish,

I only live for this:

Grant me, Lord, my heart’s desire,

  There by faith forever dwell:

This I always will require

  Thee and only thee to feel.

Ah! Give me this to know,

With all thy saints below.;

Swells my soul to compass thee;

  Gasps in thee to live and move,

Filled with all the deity,

  All immersed and lost in love!

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