

“Resting in Three Wonders of God’s Love”

Intro: A Biblical formula for love:

- God is love (1 John 4:16b)
- Love is patient, kind, & forgiving (1 Cor. 13:4-5)
- Therefore, God is patient, kind, & forgiving

I. Patience (slow to anger)

- a. Human patience is often related to *time*
- b. God’s patience is always related to *humans*
- c. The 30-year fuse of Jesus’ anger

II. Kindness (compassion)

- a. God’s kindness to Adam and Eve in the garden
- b. Reverse angle: What if God were *not* kind?
- c. The miracle of God’s compassion

III. Forgiveness (keeps no record of wrongs)

- a. How is this possible for an omniscient God?
- b. Why is this necessary for our salvation?
- c. Have you heard Jesus say, “*Your sins are forgiven*”?

Close: God-in-human-flesh was given the name *Jesus* because He has saved you from your sins. Receive God’s gift of love for you in Christ Jesus today!