

On not sentimentalizing the love of God

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Introduction:

To address the topic of the present day tendency to sentimentalize the Love of God so the issue or concern is the popular and prevalent sentimentalizing God's Love. 7 brief points

1. We need to be aware of how we experience this sentimentalizing of God's love.
2. The Consequences of sentimentalizing the Love of God
3. We need to be aware of the connotations of the word Agape for God's love in the Bible
4. In considering God's love, we need to take account of all the Attributes of God (see Bruce's Sheet of the 28 Attributes of God)
5. Let's look quickly at God's Love encountered and revealed in Scripture
 - 1.OT: Call of Isaiah (Isaiah 6:1-10)
 - 2.NT: God's Holy Love fully revealed in the Cross of Christ (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:21)
6. There are different ways in which God loves sinners
7. Lastly we will not sentimentalize the love of God if we consider the fact that all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ. (Final Judgment)

Conclusion