



## **GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Sunday Morning Message (September 23, 2012)*

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Text: **John 3:16**

Introduction: People love drama. We cannot help but appreciate a good love story. For decades people have been caught up in the love stories of Hollywood. The Bible is a book of love stories (i.e. Jacob and Rachel, Boaz and Ruth, Joseph and Mary, etc.). Nearly every book has a great story of drama, love, and offers a godly twist on our greatest emotion. The Bible is the "Book of Love." John introduces an extraordinary concept when He adds that "God is Love" (**I John 4:8**). As we study the "Book of Love," and become acquainted with the "God of Love," there are things we notice about His passion for humanity. I want to share with you seven things about God's love. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

- 1) God's Love is Unreasonable**
- 2) God's Love is Unreserved**
- 3) God's Love is Unconventional**
- 4) God's Love is Unrestricted**
- 5) God's Love is Unrestrained**
- 6) God's Love is Unquenchable**
- 7) God's Love is Unraveled**

Conclusion: There are many people in the world that could care less that Jesus died on the cross, that God gave His one and only Son for them, or that He has been working a plan to save them since the beginning of time. But we DO care! Because we understand what it means to be lost and we have experienced the joy of being found! This love story is THE GREATEST LOVE STORY EVER TOLD and you are the star! Each of us are playing an important role in this drama. Will you accept the love of God or will you reject it? God waits with His arms wide open. How will you respond?

**WORD OF THE DAY = "LOVE"**