God loves us as God loves God

The whole story of creation, incarnation, and our incorporation into Christ's body tells us that God desires us, as if we were God, as if we were that unconditional response to God's giving that God's self makes in the life of the Trinity. We are created so that we may be caught up in this, so that we may grow into the wholehearted love of God by learning that God loves us as God loves God.

Rowan Williams

To be caught up, captured by this attractive insight into God's loving is God's purpose and dream for us. What seizes our imagination affects everything. We are loved in the Beloved: loved as God loves us, 'as if we were God.

Imagine what a difference this would make to your everyday, if instead of feeding yourself 'self -defeating parables' you nourished your inner life with this attractive image of God.

How attractive is self-surrender to this kind of God?

Is 'falling in love with love' a grace you could ask for?

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