

Encyclicals of Pope Benedict XVI



God is Love Saved in Hope

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An encyclical is a *teaching letter* of highest papal authority. **God is Love and Saved in Hope**, the first encyclicals of Pope Benedict XVI, are intellectually rich and thought-provoking. They reveal the Holy Father's understanding of the nature of the human person, the Christian life, and culture. Love is the Heart of the Gospel. Loving and being loved is the very meaning of human existence. Science, reason and progress fulfill many expectations but they do not give eternal life. For Benedict, each and every Christian is called to manifest their encounter with Christ to a culture desperate for love and hope.

On this day Father Petri will explore Benedict's beautiful description of the Christian life and the impact Christianity can have on the world. Come to rediscover the meaning of love and hope and explore how the deep teaching of Benedict can influence, impact and change your world.

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The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at 3:00 p.m. The program will include conferences, lunch and Eucharist. The offering for the day is \$45.00.