

LOVE

WHAT IS IT:

I John 4:16-17

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us.
God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have
boldness in the day of judgment: because as he
is, so are we in this world.

GOD IS LOVE! AND THE LOVE HE HAS HAD TOWARD US IS TO GIVE UP THE MOST PRECIOUS
THING HE HAD, HIS SON - JESUS, FOR US!

Eph 2:4

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great
love wherewith he loved us,

I John 3:1

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath
bestowed upon us, that we should be called the
sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us
not, because it knew him not.

THAT WE MIGHT BECOME SONS OF GOD, FULL HEIRS OF GOD'S RICHES, WITH CHRIST JESUS!
WHATEVER YOU HAVE NEED OF, HE HAS ALREADY GIVEN IT TO YOU THRU JESUS, BECAUSE HE
LOVES YOU! HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM!

How do I GET Him:

I John 4:15

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of
God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

YOU RECEIVE HIM! RECEIVE HIS LOVE FOR YOU TODAY! HIS LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE, IN YOUR
FINANCES, IN YOUR TOTAL LIFE! HE LOVES YOU WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE! HE SEEKS TO BLESS
YOU AND COMFORT YOU! HE DESIRES TO MEET YOUR EVERY NEED! CALL UPON HIM TODAY!

How do I USE LOVE:

I John 4:18

There is no fear in love; but perfect love
casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He
that feareth is not made perfect in love.

YOU DON'T "USE" LOVE IN THE CONTENT OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LOVE OR OF SOMEONE.
BUT YOU "USE" LOVE BY CALLING UPON IT. YOUR CHILDREN DON'T USE YOU. THEY CALL UPON
YOU TO HELP THEM, BECAUSE THEY KNOW YOU LOVE THEM AND CARE FOR THEM. LOVE IS AN
OPEN, HONEST, SINCERE NEED AND DESIRE TO BLESS ONE ANOTHER! WE "USE" LOVE BY OPENING
UP OUR HEARTS TO IT, AND GIVING GOD FREE ACCESS TO COME IN AND MEET THE NEED. IF YOUR

CHILD REFUSED TO RECEIVE HELP FROM YOU ¹, THEN HE IS REFUSING YOUR LOVE, AND THERE IS NO OPEN ACCESS.

KNOWING GOD'S LOVE FOR US ALLOWS US TO HAVE THAT COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN HIM, THAT HE WILL NOT FAIL US. THIS ALLOWS US TO HOLD ONTO OUR HOPE, AND MOVE IN FAITH. IT TOTALLY REMOVES FEAR! THE LOVE OF GOD GIVES STRENGTH TO FAITH TO TOTALLY DRIVE FEAR OUT! PRAISE GOD!

Gal 5:6

For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Isaiah 43:26

Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

THE WAY TO PUT LOVE TO WORK, JUST LIKE YOUR CHILD WOULD PUT YOUR LOVE TO WORK, IS BY MAKING A CALL UPON IT. IF YOUR CHILD'S BIRTHDAY WAS COMING UP, AND THEY CAME AND ASKED YOU FOR A LITTLE RED BICYCLE, YOUR LOVE WOULD CAUSE YOU TO SAY "YES". SO GOD'S PROMISES ARE "YES" AND "AMEN". YOUR CHILD WOULD NOT COME UP TO YOU THE SECOND DAY AND ASK FOR A BICYCLE AGAIN. "PLEASE, PLEASE, GIVE ME A BICYCLE?" OR THE THIRD DAY WITH TEARS IN THEIR EYES, HEARTS IN ANGUISH, KNEELING ON THE FLOOR, CRYING OUT TO YOU! THAT WOULD NOT BE PROFITABLE. IT WOULD ONLY CONTINUALLY TEAR YOUR HEART UP AND THEIRS FOR SOMETHING WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN GRANTED. BUT IF YOUR CHILD CAME UP THE SECOND DAY AND SAID, "I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU I LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE THE THINGS YOU ALWAYS HAVE DONE FOR ME. AND I SPECIFICALLY THANK YOU FOR THAT BICYCLE! MY JOY IS FULL BECAUSE OF IT AS I WAIT IN ANTICIPATION FOR IT!" THEN THE THIRD DAY YOU GO OUTSIDE AND HEAR YOUR CHILD SAYING TO THEIR FRIENDS, "I LOVE MY PARENTS SO MUCH! THEY ARE BUYING ME A BRAND NEW RED BICYCLE FOR ME FOR MY BIRTHDAY! JUST BECAUSE I ASKED! THEY REALLY CARE FOR ME AND LOVE ME!" IT WOULD FILL YOUR SPIRIT WITH JOY! SO IT DOES YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S!

Jeremiah 31:3

The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.

Psalms 42:8

Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Ezekiel 16:60

Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.

Jeremiah 2:2

Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the Lord; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

Acts 10:4

And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms

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are come up for a memorial before God.

A MEMORIAL! A REMEMBRANCE!

GOD REMEMBERS YOU. HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT. HE LOVES YOU!

Deut 7:13

And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee.

WHAT IS HIS WILL FOR YOU? THE ABOVE VERSE SAYS "AND HE WILL"! THAT IS HIS "WILL"! WHEN YOU SAY YOU "WILL" DO SOMETHING, IT IS BECAUSE THAT IS YOUR "WILL". WHEN YOU SAY YOU "WILL NOT" OR "WON'T" DO SOMETHING, IT IS BECAUSE IT IS NOT YOUR "WILL". GOD TELLS US CLEARLY IN HIS WORD WHAT IS "WILL" IS. FOR HIS "WILL" AND HIS "WORD" ARE ONE. GLORY! IT IS GOD'S WILL TO PERFORM HIS WORD IN YOUR LIFE. HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST TO PERFORM IT. WE NEED TO CALL UPON HIM, TO CONFESS HIS WORD BACK UNTO HIM. HE HAS SENT HIS WORD. HE EXPECTS IT TO DWELL IN US. AS WE "SPEAK" HIS WORD, IT WILL NOT RETURN VOID TO HIM, FOR HE WATCHES OVER IT TO PERFORM IT. HE LOVES YOU!

Psalms 57:2

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

Isaiah 44:26

That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Jeremiah 1:12

Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I will hasten my word to perform it.

Jeremiah 11:5

That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O Lord.

COMPASSION:

**GOD'S LOVE MANIFESTED AS COMPASSION MOVES MEN TO FAITH.
THAT IS, GOD'S LOVE AS COMPASSION WORKS FAITH:**

(1) GOD'S COMPASSION TOWARDS MEN DRAWS MEN:

Psalms 86:15

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion,
and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in
mercy and truth.

Romans 2:4

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness
and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing
that the goodness of God leadeth thee to
repentance?

(2) JESUS MOVED BY COMPASSION:

Matthew 14:14

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great
multitude, and was moved with compassion
toward them, and he healed their sick.

Mark 6:34

And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people,
and was moved with compassion toward them,
because they were as sheep not having a
shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

SEE: Mat 9:35-36, Mat 15:32, Mat 20:34, Mk 1:41, Lk 7:13-14.

(3) OTHERS MOVED BY COMPASSION:

Luke 10:33

But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came
where he was: and when he saw him, he had
compassion on him,

Luke 15:20

And he arose, and came to his father. But when
he was yet a great way off, his father saw
him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on
his neck, and kissed him.

Matthew 18:27

Then the lord of that servant was moved with
compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him
the debt.

Matthew 18:33

Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on
thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

SEE: Mat 18:33, Exodus 2:6.

DYNAMICS OF LOVE:

(1) GOD'S LOVE IS OUR HIGH TOWER:

Psalms 18:1-2

I will love thee, O Lord, my strength.
The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my
deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will
trust; my buckler, and the horn of my
salvation, and my high tower.

AS WE DWELL IN THE LOVE OF GOD, NO STORM, NO AFFLICTION, NO ATTACK OF THE DEVIL CAN TOUCH US. THOUGH SATAN MAY CAUSE ALL AROUND US TO BE IN TURMOIL, THOUGH HE MAY HAVE THOSE CLOSE TO US SAYING HURTING AND CRUEL THINGS, AS LONG AS WE DWELL IN THE LOVE OF GOD, SATAN CANNOT TOUCH US. THEN FROM THIS HIGH TOWER, WE CAN SEE HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THESE PEOPLE, MOVED BY COMPASSION TOWARD THEM, MOVED BY LOVE TOWARD FAITH. WE CAN SEE HOW THESE PEOPLE, WHO ARE BEING USED BY SATAN AGAINST US, ARE IN UTTER DARKNESS. WE CAN SEE HOW THEY ARE HURTING, WITHOUT HOPE, REACHING OUT AND EVER GRASPING. FROM THE HIGH TOWER OF GOD'S LOVE, WE CAN REACH OUT TO SIGNING, DYING, CRYING HUMANITY AND EFFECTUALLY BRING THEM INTO THE LOVE AND HEALING POWER OF GOD.

(2) GOD'S LOVE PROTECTS US FROM INJURIES WHICH CRIPPLE OUR FAITH:

Psalms 18:29
For by thee I have run through a troop; and by
my God have I leaped over a wall.

ONE OF SATAN'S TACTICS IS TO CAUSE EMOTIONAL HURT AND DESPAIR, OR ANGER AND UNFORGIVENESS, OR EVEN EMPATHY AND INDIFFERENCE. MANY TIMES THESE COME THRU WORDS AND ACTIONS OF OTHERS. SOMETIMES THESE ARE THE VERY PEOPLE WHO WE ARE TRYING TO HELP. ONLY THRU DWELLING IN THE LOVE OF GOD CAN WE RUN THRU THE TROOP OF EVIL SPIRITS ATTACKING US ON EVERY SIDE, AND NOT RECEIVE CRIPPLING EMOTIONAL INJURIES WHICH CAUSE US TO FALL FROM A PLACE OF FAITH.

THEN GOD'S LOVE, THRU US, WILL ALLOW US TO LEAP OVER EVERY WALL SATAN THROWS UP TO STOP AND HINDER US. GOD'S LOVE, THRU US, WILL EVEN LEAP OVER THE WALLS OF HURT AND FEAR IN OTHER PEOPLE, ENABLING US TO REACH THEM. GOD'S LOVE WILL TEAR DOWN THOSE EMOTIONAL SEPARATIONS, AND ENABLE US TO DRAW THOSE HURTING PEOPLE INTO THE LOVE AND DELIVERING POWER OF GOD.

CONTINUE IN HIS LOVE:

I John 3:18
My little children, let us not love in word,
neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

