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This Book is Dedicated to my daughter Samantha and my
granddaughters Hailey, Sara and to all of the children in the
world...ALOHA

Colossians 3:12-17 9 (AKJV) “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, compassion, hearts of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, gentleness, long-suffering, patience; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. And above all these things put on Love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father through him.”

PREFACE

Jesus Christ is The Greatest Love of All, there has never been another before Him or after Him who has embodied God's divine Love, in the perfect Way that Jesus has loved us and is still loving us today.

When I behold the Love that Jesus Christ gave, in everything that He said, and by how he fully demonstrated God's Love, I recognize that truly He is the Son of God manifested in the flesh. Jesus Christ (Yeshua) is Divine and Deity, worthy of all of our praise and honor. He has shown us the Way to Love.

Everything is extraordinary, I am in awe of his kingly divine nature that is so loving, saving, caring, forgiving, coupled with humility and full of compassion; How His steadfast kindness, leads us to repentance, and draws us to abide in His Love and with God the Father.

His great act of selfless, sacrificial love at the cross by which He redeems us is so profound and awaking. To see beyond the veil, what He alone has achieved which is having absolute victory over sin and death. And then for Him to rise again, fully glorified, alive, giving us who believe in Him, forgiveness and the gift of new eternal life.

The Love of Jesus Christ inspires me and compels me to share and outline the Biblical truths and scriptural references into several books that cover primarily the Main Doctrines of what Jesus and the Apostles taught, that pertain to How God is developing our christlike character into maturity and sharing His

Love and ministering to others with the same love that Jesus Christ gave us.

The contents of this book and other writings were compiled topically over the past 40 years, with the hope of edifying other Christians and give a

more clearer understanding of What the Love of Jesus entails according to Bible, God's Word.

This is intended to be used to Disciple Christians as an overview of What is Love and What not is Love, along with the related Biblical References as a study aid to further learn How we should Love God and others as Jesus Christ intended us to emulate.

“The Greatest Love of All - Jesus Christ “ in some respects is a comprehensive Biblical resource that attempts to cover 80 different sub topics addressing the Who, What, Where, When and Why, related aspects of the Love of God, Jesus Christ, and How we should Love also according to God's Word. However, this book isn't intended to be all inclusive nor defining everything regarding God's love; That only comes through God's Holy Spirit, and by one continuing the Word of God, and having a genuine intimate relationship by faith in Jesus Christ. I apologize for any unintentional errors and/or biblical reference misquotes.

Other forthcoming books that Disciple Christian LLC will be publishing will also focus into all of the unique character traits of Jesus Christ, that he alone has accomplished, His attributes, His virtues, and The foundational biblical doctrines and truths of Christianity that are essential for every follower of Jesus Christ to grow in, walk in, as we gain understanding How to Love as God desires.

May you experience the abundance of God's blessings in your life, overflowing with his Love, joy, and the richness of his grace. Bearing good spiritual fruit. Go therefore into the world, serving and ministering to others. Be the salt and light of Jesus, proclaiming the Good News of Salvation, as the vessel of Jesus Christ's divine Love;

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Chapter 1

WHAT IS LOVE / WHO IS LOVE?

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever wondered what your purpose in life is ? - Well it's to Love God with all of our heart, mind, and strength and to love one another as we would love ourselves.....

God has so greatly Loved us, in providing salvation for us from evil and spiritual death and has given us the opportunity to receive eternal life through Jesus Christ;

And Now, God has commanded us and commissioned us, **TO LOVE , HOW ?**

“AS JESUS HAS LOVED US.” (John 15:9 to 12)
John 15:9 to 12 AKJV

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.

Jesus Christ ,The Greatest Love Of All
Matthew 22:37 to 40 AKJV

37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like to it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The essence and purpose of this Life is to sincerely LOVE God and others in the way that God intended; Therefore it is imperative that we learn just how Jesus Christ and God the Father has Loved us, so we can do the same.

As Christians, true Love, is the pinnacle of our faith; We should learn about Love, receive God's Love & Holy Spirit and demonstrate His Love to others, just as Jesus did for us;

God's intended way for us to love as He instructs in His Word, is completely different from what the world comprehends 'Love' to mean or encompass. God's divine love is the highest and purest form Love. In contrast, the earthly understanding of love is actually sometimes shallow, limited, and self seeking of fleshly desires; That's in contrast to the quality of Love that God teaches us to receive from Him, and wants us to freely give to Him. God wants us to abide in His Love and give that same divine Love to one another, as we serve and care for the needs of others.

We first must learn How God the Father and Jesus Christ Loves us through the Word of God.

Therefore it is essential that we learn from God's Word, and through the Holy Spirit and through praying for God's Wisdom & Understanding of....HOW should we Love,?...WHO should we Love,?...WHY should we Love,?....and moreover WHAT is Love ? and HOW to obtain and receive God's Love ? Even though, the process of just ' How ' Love is established within us is the work of God, He still requires our response to certain instructions in His Word to make it possible for anyone to Love properly.

God's intended Way for us to Love Him and others, encompasses many spiritually good & pure attributes or rather virtues; These attributes & virtues of Love are accomplishable for us to do, to the depth and richness of God's purpose, by God's Holy Spirit , when God's Spirit is within us, as we truly believe and follow Jesus Christ by Faith, and while we are now under His Grace when we fall short, so that we can become sanctified,

regenerated daily more and more and still grow in His Love, and bear good fruit to God's Glory.

WHAT / WHO is LOVE ?

“God is Love”

1 John 4:8 AKJV 8 He that loves not, knows not God; for God is love.

(The world's understanding of who the God of love is, is quite often distorted, limited, incorrect; To understand Who God is and His Love further, one needs to learn from the Word of God in the Bible, and through following Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit)

Love is the Fruit of the Spirit of God

Galatians 5:22 to 23 AKJV “ 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”

Explanation: This verse is part of the passage that describes the fruits of the Spirit. Love is listed as the first fruit, highlighting its significance. It reveals that love is not only an attribute of God but is also a characteristic that the Holy Spirit produces in the lives of believers. God's love working within us enables us to exhibit love towards others, aligning our character with God's.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4 to 7 AKJV, 4 (Love) Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity brags (Boasts) not of itself, is not puffed up (arrogant), 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not his own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Explanation: This well-known passage from 1 Corinthians 13 is often referred to as the “love chapter” in the Bible. It provides a comprehensive definition of love. Love is patient and kind, demonstrating genuine care and concern for others. It doesn't seek its own interests but focuses on

serving others. Love is not easily provoked and forgives, not holding grudges. It rejoices in truth, protecting, trusting, hoping, and persevering through challenges. This passage teaches that love is selfless, enduring, and centered on the well-being of others. It's not meant to be an all inclusive definition of what Love is, as found further in other scriptures, however it is an excellent summary.

How Jesus Christ Loved us is the ‘WAY’ of Love

Scripture: Ephesians 5:2 AKJV 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling smell.

Explanation: This verse calls believers to “walk in the way of love,” mirroring the love of Jesus Christ. Love, according to God’s Word, involves sacrificial actions. Christ’s sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate act of love, and our lives should reflect this sacrificial love in our relationships and interactions with others. It involves lay down one’s own self interests, throughout our lives for one another and sometimes even to point of physical death. Love is to uphold the truth of God and testify of Him and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. It’s a love that seeks to give, serve, and above all to Love and honor God.

Scripture; Ephesians 3:14 to 19 AKJV “ 14 For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God”

These scriptures and explanations collectively underscore the height, depth, breadth, and significance of God’s love. It is a love that is demonstrated through actions, not just words, and it encompasses

selflessness, grace, mercy, sacrifice, and endurance. Understanding the reasons and nature of God's love motivates us to respond with gratitude, praise, and the desire to reflect that love in our own lives. God's divine Love is Spirit, spiritually received from God, and surpasses knowledge.

How do we know “ WHAT Love is ?

1 John 3:16 to 18 AKJV, “16 Hereby we perceive the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But whoever has this world’s good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

2 John 1:6 (AKJV) “6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.”

Divine “ Agape “ Love of God must be established by the Holy Spirit within anyone’s life, to be true Love from God; It needs to be His Spirit working through any one of us. Only then will our motives, words, and deeds, be of pure intent and of the right Spirit. We need the righteousness and Love of Jesus Christ working through us, not of own abilities, apart from Jesus Christ. Any seeming good deed done without God is nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1 to 3 AKJV “ 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing.”

When we continue to submit our lives to Jesus Christ and acknowledge Him to be the Lord of our lives, and deny ourselves, turn from sin and

receive God's Holy Spirit; Then each one of us can become a clean vessel, that God can use to demonstrate His Love through to others.

How did and does God (The Father, YaHWeH, aka Jehovah) Love us?

See also Observations of God's Love

The love of God, the Father, is a foundational truth that permeates the entire Bible. Exactly HOW did God and does God the Father , YaHWeh, loves us is clearly revealed in His Word and Actions. His love is profound, steadfast, and infinite. It's revealed through His character, actions, and the intricate details of our lives. God's love for us is beautifully demonstrated in many ways, through Jesus Christ, and other genuine Christians.

John 3:16 to 21 AKJV “ 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believes on him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are worked in God.”

God Loves us and wants us to come to Him for forgiveness and to be saved through Jesus Christ.

To begin with we can witness the magnificence and affection of God through His desire for us to enjoy and share in His creation. The world that surrounds us is a reflection of His Wisdom to design the complexity of nature, the animals, from the oceans to the highest mountains, beautifully captivating all that he has made. The intricate and intelligent design found in mankind and the wonders of the universe serve as a testament, to God's

love for us; thus it becomes our privilege to praise and glorify Him for all that He has created and for giving us this opportunity to live and to share in all of His goodness, not only now but forever.

As stated in Psalm 19:1 “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

Yet it's beyond our comprehension to know that God's Love and righteousness is even infinity more glorious than all of the stars in the universe or anything that He has created. And even though we were spiritually dead because of sin and evil and live in a fallen world, we can still clearly see the greatness and existence of God through His creation, not to say that any part of creation is God, but rather creation is the evidence of an Almighty Creator. We begin to understand He has the power, the faithfulness, and the steadfast love to restore us into a Holy people loving Him, and He abiding in us, and we in Him.

God's love for us surpasses time, circumstances and our limited understanding. Throughout history and the Bible, He has demonstrated this love for humanity in so many ways. Among these expressions is His sacrificial gift—the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ. John 3:16 encapsulates this love perfectly; “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have life.” This act signifies God's love as Jesus dwelt, among us—teaching, healing and ultimately sacrificing Himself for our salvation—revealing the depths to which God's love extends.

It is important to note that God's love does not depend on our deserving it; rather it stems from His character itself.

In the book of John it boldly declares that “God is love.” This love is pure, selfless and knows no bounds; it extends to those who may not deserve it. Romans 5:8 reinforces this truth, by showing how God demonstrated His love for us; while we were still sinners Christ died for us. It's important to note that God's love isn't dependent on our perfection or

righteousness; instead it reaches out to us in our brokenness offering forgiveness, redemption and the promise of a new life, to be born again.

Moreover when we willingly choose to obey God's commandments we abide in the love of God the Father and Jesus Christ. It's not about forcibly being required to follow requirements and rituals of the old law but rather wanting and choosing to love God and others because how much Jesus loved us.

Thanks to the New Covenant this is now possible in our lives. As we take up our cross and let go of our selfish nature, and lustful desires, we can genuinely express love because God is writing His laws, on our hearts and minds through His Holy Spirit. This transformation happens as we earnestly desire to love God and others and grow in the virtues exemplified by Jesus Christ. God's love is personal and intimate.

God knows each one of us and has a perfect understanding of what each one of us is going through. His love is not something distant or abstract. In the book of Jeremiah He proclaims, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." This love pulls us closer, to Him inviting us into an intimate relationship.

Furthermore God's love is unwavering, inseparable and eternal. In the book of Romans it assures us that nothing, in this world can separate us from the love of God found in Christ Jesus our Lord – not even death, life's challenges or any external forces. His love remains steadfast in times when we face trials or uncertainties, or tribulations.

We must remember that only we can intentionally reject God's Love and grace by continuing to practice sin without repentance. Nevertheless anyone can turn their life around at any point. Still receive forgiveness; although none of us know how long our lives will be.

God's love has the power to transform and renew our lives leading us towards an existence filled with joy and hope. When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior we are reborn; Become a new creation. God's love

empowers us to love one another and live in accordance with His will. As we receive and encounter His love it becomes a source of compassion, kindness and grace in our interactions with others.

The love of God is extraordinary demonstrated through Jesus sacrifice. It is deeply rooted in His character through an intimate personal relationship with us, His children. This love has the power to transform our lives. It goes beyond our understanding. Invites us to embrace the fullness of His grace.

The love that God has for us is like a tapestry woven throughout the pages of Scripture and intertwined with the fabric of our lives. It surpasses our comprehension stretching back to the moment of creation itself. In Genesis 1:27 it is written; “So God created mankind in his image in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” This act of creation reveals God’s love as He designed us to reflect His image granting us dignity, purpose and the ability to experience His love.

Throughout the Old Testament we witness God’s love manifested through His faithfulness to His covenant, with His people.

Despite their repeated failures and acts of disobedience God’s love remained unwavering. In Jeremiah 31:3 we come across these words; “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unwavering kindness.” When Israel deviated from the path Gods love relentlessly pursued them beckoning them to restore their relationship, with Him.

When Jesus Christ entered this world He embodied the representation of God’s love. John 1:14 states “The Word became flesh. Made His dwelling among us.” God’s love became tangible, visible and accessible through Jesus presence. His life, His Words, His Truth, The Way He lived his life, His teachings, miracles and ultimate sacrifice on the cross exemplify love to the fullest. It offers salvation and reconciliation to all who have faith, in Him.

God's love extends into our lives; it is not limited by words or by actions but rather is our spiritual bond with Him and in Him, through Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit.

God's Love provides comfort during times of trial. Offers guidance when uncertainty looms over us. When we align our lives with His will a profound sense of purpose fills our hearts. Romans 8:28 assures us by saying, "And we know that, in all things God works for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose." Furthermore the love of God knows no time constraints; it is an enduring love. Psalm 136:26 proclaims, "Let us give thanks to the God of heaven for His love endures forever." His love is not confined by the limitations of our existence; it extends into eternity providing us with hope and confidence, in His affection.

The love of God brings about a change within us. In 1 John 4:11 we are reminded " friends since God has loved us deeply we ought to also extend our love to one another." When we experience the love of God it compels us to show love towards others. It empowers us to exhibit compassion, forgiveness and selflessness. Reflecting the kind of love that God has bestowed upon us.

God's love is not merely emotional feelings; rather it is an abiding presence in our lives. It goes beyond our comprehension. Reaches, into the depths of our souls. Ephesians 3:18 19 beautifully captures this sentiment; "May you have the power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. Though it surpasses understanding. So that you may be filled with His affection."

Then you will experience a sense of wholeness and vitality as you embrace the life and inner strength that emanate from God.

God's love, for us is beautifully exemplified through His enduring patience and forbearance. Despite our imperfections and vulnerabilities God's love remains steadfast. He patiently accompanies us on our walk with Him, providing opportunities for growth and learning. In 2 Peter 3:9

we encounter these words; “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise as some understand slowness. Instead he patiently waits for each person to come to repentance without desiring anyone to be lost.” This remarkable patience stems from His love – a desire for everyone to encounter the richness of His boundless grace.

Furthermore God’s love serves as a wellspring of solace and assurance. In Romans 8:38 39 we are presented with an affirmation; “For I am firmly persuaded that neither death nor life neither heavenly beings nor malevolent forces—neither the present nor the future—nor any powers—neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation—will ever separate us from the love of God revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.” This profound affection establishes a foundation—a sanctuary, amidst life’s tempests.

Ultimately God’s love extends an invitation into a purposeful existence—a life brimming with significance and meaning. In the book of John, chapter 10 Jesus proclaims, “I have come to give them an abundant life.” God’s love goes beyond saving us from sin; it also directs us towards a life filled with purpose and richness. When we embrace His love we experience a depth that cannot be measured by standards.

God’s love is evident, through His guidance and provision. Throughout the Old Testament we witness His leadership of the Israelites during their journey in the wilderness. He provides for their needs. Safeguards them from harm. As stated in Psalm 136:25 “He generously gives food to all living creatures. His love will endure forever.”

The ultimate testament to God’s love is seen through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. John 3:16 encapsulates this truth; “For God loved the world much that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have life.” The Father’s deep affection motivated the plan of redemption – sending His Son to bear our sins on the cross – granting us forgiveness and eternal life.

Additionally God's love is expressed through a relationship with us. He longs for intimacy and companionship, with His children.

In the book of 1 John 4:16 we come across a passage that speaks about our understanding and belief, in God's love for us. It emphasizes that God's love is not distant or passive; it is active and intimate—something we can truly know and trust in.

God's love is remarkable because it is undeserved and unmerited at times. A verse from Romans 5:8 reminds us of this truth; "But God demonstrates his love for us in this; While we were still sinners Christ died for us." His love isn't based on what we do or our merits; rather it flows out of His nature. It's a love that pursues us even when we are lost.

God's love beckons us to respond—not out of obligation but out of affection. As mentioned in 1 John 4:19 "We love because he first loved us." When we embrace and internalize the depth of God's love for us it naturally overflows into our affection towards Him and others. It becomes the Spirit behind our actions, the motivation for our service, to others and the very foundation upon which our relationships are built.

Ultimately God's love transcends time—it is eternal and everlasting.

In Jeremiah 31:3 it is written, "You have always been loved by me; I have embraced you with unwavering kindness." This love knows no limits of time or circumstance; it remains constant throughout eternity. As we ponder upon these facets of God's love we are invited to delve into understanding His nature and receive His grace and forgiveness of Jesus Christ and then cultivate a profound connection, with Him, unto eternal life in His Kingdom in Heaven.

In conclusion, the love of God is beyond measure, enduring, selfless and life changing. It serves as the motivating factor, for the existence of everything around us forms the basis of our redemption, and our salvation. God's love provides comfort during the trials and tribulations that go through and sometimes suffer in our affections for righteousness sake. This

divine love constantly unfolds as we walk through life with Jesus Christ, bringing us nearer to the essence of the heart and Spirit of our Creator.

Observations of God's Love

- **We can see the evidence of God's Love in creating us and creation:** God's love is reflected in His creation. The beauty, intricacy, and order of the universe reveal His care and creativity. (Psalm 19:1) God created us to share in all of His goodness and blessings. And created us in His Image and made us a little less than the angels.
- **God lovingly Provides for our needs:** Throughout history God has consistently. In Love He has provided for His people. Just as He led the Israelites through the wilderness supplying them with sustenance, water and protection. (Exodus 13:21, Psalm 136:25)
- **Gave the Life of His Son Jesus Christ:** The ultimate expression of God's love is witnessed in His act of sending Jesus Christ—the embodiment of love—to offer redemption through His death on the cross. (John 3:16)
- **Personal Loving relationship with God:** God deeply desires to have a relationship with us. He dwells within us. We find our place in Him through love. (1 John 4:16)
- **His Love is Unmerited:** God's choice to love us is not based on our actions or self righteousness but on His unwavering purpose of faithfulness towards us. When we were sinners He loved us unconditionally. (Romans 5:8)
- **God's Love endures forever:** God's love knows no bounds of time or circumstance; it is eternal. Endures forever. (Jeremiah 31:3)
- **Loves us as our Father:** Indeed God's affection for us can be likened to a father's love, for his children. He guides us for our

benefit always desiring what is best for us. (Proverbs 3:12, Hebrews 12:6)

- **Compassion and Affection;** God's love is filled with compassion and tenderness. In times of trouble He brings comfort. Takes on our burdens. (Psalm 103:13, Isaiah 66:13)
- **Forgiving Kindness:** God's love offers forgiveness and restoration. He pardons our sins. Removes them from us. (Micah 7:18 Psalm 103:12)
- **Covenant Devotion and Love:** God's love is evident through His covenant with His people. When we stumble He remains faithful to His promises. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- **His Love deliberately Pursues us:** God seeks after us persistently even when we stray away from Him. He rejoices when we turn back to Him wholeheartedly. (Luke 15:4 to 7)
- **Patient Affection, Love, and Steadfast Kindness:** God's love is patient allowing us the time to repent and come back to Him. (2 Peter 3:9)
- **Protective Care;** God's love shields and safeguards us from harm. He serves as our refuge and source of strength in times of need. (Psalm 46:1)
- **Transforming Affection and Love;** God's love transforms us completely from within renewing our hearts and minds in the process. (Romans 12:2)
- **Abundant Overflowing Love;** God's love is generous, beyond measure overflowing with grace and countless blessings.
- **God's Love Protects us and Guides us:** God's love is evident, in the way He guides and protects us just as He guided the Israelites through the wilderness. He leads us on paths of life and Righteousness.. Shields us from harm as mentioned in Psalm 23:3 & 4.
- **God's Love provides:** We can see God's love through His provision for our needs to how He provided manna to the

Israelites. He takes care of everything we require as mentioned in Matthew 6:25 & 26.

- **God's Love Disciplines, Chastens and Corrects:** Discipline is also a part of God's love because it shows His care for us and our growth. When we need correction He guides us towards holiness according to Hebrews 12:10.
- **God's love Comforts and Consoles:** In times of sorrow and distress God's love brings comfort and consolation. Like a presence He wipes away our tears. Soothes our pain. As stated in 2 Corinthians 1:3 & 4.
- **God's Love Empowers and Transforms us:** God's love empowers us to overcome challenges and live transformed lives. Through His Spirit within us we are equipped with strength to walk in His ways. Ephesians 3:16 highlights this empowerment.
- **God's Love Reconciles and Redeems Us:** God's love reconciles us to Himself through Jesus Christ's sacrifice. It redeems us from sin. Restores our relationship with Him.
- **Understanding and Empathy:** The love of God is characterized by His understanding and empathy. He is aware of our weaknesses and temptations. He genuinely empathizes with the challenges we face (Hebrews 4:15).
- **Restores and Renews:** God's love brings about spiritual renewal and restoration, in our lives. He has the power to transform and rebuild what was once broken (Isaiah 61:3).
- **God's Love is Victorious:** Through His love God triumphs over everything, death itself. Jesus' resurrection serves as a testament to God's victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:55 to 57).
- **God's Love is Eternal:** The love of God knows no bounds; it transcends time. Extends into eternity. We can be assured that His love will continue to embrace us throughout all eternity (Romans 8:38 & 39).
- **God's Love Fulfills Our Needs:** God's love satisfies the longings within us just as He quenched the hunger and thirst of

the Israelites. It brings a sense of fulfillment and contentment to our lives (Psalm 107:9).

- **God's Love Heals:** In times of brokenness we can find solace in God's love, which acts as a healing balm for our wounds. It restores us to wholeness. Brings about healing (Psalm 147:3).
- **God's Love Guides and Directs Us:** Through His love God provides guidance and direction for our paths, in life. Like how God guided the Israelites with a pillar of cloud and fire His love guides us along His plan (Psalm 32:8).
- **Faithfulness and Loyalty;** God's love is defined by His faithfulness and loyalty. Just as He remained faithful, to the Israelites His love for us remains steadfast through all circumstances (Lamentations 3:22 & 23).
- **Renewal;** God's love transforms us to reflect His image and renews our minds. He works within us to shape our character in alignment with Christ (Romans 12:2).
- **Revelation and Understanding;** Through His love God reveals His truths to us. He opens our eyes to comprehend His Word and understand His ways (1 Corinthians 2:10 to 12).
- **Empowerment and Gifts;** God's love empowers us with gifts for the purpose of building up the body of Christ. He equips us to serve one another 1 Corinthians 12:4-7).
- **Intimacy and Fellowship;** Embracing God's love invites us into a fellowship with Him. Just as He walked alongside Adam and Eve in the garden He desires a relationship with each one of us (Revelation 3:20).
- **Joy and Gladness;** God's love fills our hearts with joy and gladness. It turns our sorrow into dancing as we experience the fullness of His joy, within us.
 - (Psalm 30:11)
- **Preparation and Expectation;** God's love readies us for the future He has planned. He assures us an inheritance that will never fade away. (1 Peter 1:4)

Conclusion; In every aspect of our lives God's love is evident and at work. Whether guiding, protecting, comforting or transforming us, His love is the main purpose and reason behind His interactions with us through the Holy Spirit. By means of Jesus Christ's sacrifice as our one and only mediator between God the Father and ourselves; God the Father's love in Jesus Christ opens the Door, between us and Him. This Door in Jesus Christ offers us a new life defined by His atoning grace, mercy and unwavering Love and Blessings.

As we experience, perceive, and acknowledge and the ways in which God's love is being written on our minds and hearts revealing more of the height, depth, and breath of God's Love, our hearts are filled with gratitude and wonder. This prompts us to respond with worship, obedience and love for Him; And further teaches us How to Love one another.

**How do we understand,
obtain and receive God's Love?
How does God's Love Come to us?**

We understand, obtain and receive God's Love basically through 7 Main Ways ; These are just a few ways that God's Love comes to us...

1. From God the Father directly and/or indirectly to us
2. Through a personal and genuine relationship with Jesus Christ
3. Through the Holy Spirit
4. Through God's Word and Godly Wisdom
5. Through willing obeying God's teachings & Commandments
6. Through interacting & fellowshipping with other Spirit filled believers & followers of Jesus Christ
7. We can also recognize and learn certain aspects of God's Love sometimes even from non-christians, although limited and imperfect.

1. From God the Father directly and/or indirectly

Directly Receiving God's Love:

Directly receiving God's love involves understanding and accepting His Love for us as individuals. We receive this love through faith in Jesus Christ and the gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9). God's salvation is not based on our performance but on His grace and mercy. This direct experience of God's love comes through His Word, prayer, and personal relationship with Him. God's Love is sometimes given to us and demonstrated towards us unconditionally and sometimes conditionally, yet always unmerited by us.

We receive and obtain God the Father's Love as we have Faith in Jesus Christ and believe & follow Him;

- **Ephesians 3:17 to 19, AKJV** 17 “ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.”
- **We receive God's Love through Prayer;** One powerful way we directly receive God's love is through prayer. In prayer, we communicate with our Heavenly Father, pouring out our hearts, sharing our joys, burdens, and needs. God's response to our prayers, whether through a sense of peace, guidance, or comfort, is a manifestation of His love (Matthew 6:6). As we seek His presence and align our hearts with His, we directly experience His love and care.

We sometimes receive God's Love when we are chastened by God and disciplined , and corrected

Hebrews 12:6 to 11 AKJV “ 6 For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and whips every son whom he receives. 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chastens not? 8

But if you be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are you bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection to the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they truly for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby."

By others sharing God's Word and Love to you, a person obtains God's Love in this instance, where he did nothing to deserve God's Love, rather it was God be faithful to Himself. God's Love comes to us even before we know Him, and when we are born again and become a child of God. God the Father loves all of his children.

We obtain God's Love and comes to us when we need to be instructed, taught, discipled, reproofed, rebuked, corrected, so that we will depart from iniquity. Wickedness, evil, and stay on track for good to grow up into maturity in Jesus Christ.

Indirectly Receiving God's Love:

Indirectly receiving God's love involves recognizing His love in various aspects of life, including the love expresses to us through His creation and the love shared among believers. Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father (James 1:17), and through His creation, we witness His love for natures beauty, diversity, complexity and provision.

It should not misunderstood that God's Love doesn't actually go through nature nor is it in any nature, rather we can see and perceive and understand in part how great God is, and His Love, but making us stewards and caretakers of His exceeding marvelous creation.

God's love is also evident through the love shared among believers. In the fellowship of the Church, believers experience the love of Christ through one another. The Apostle John emphasized this

interconnectedness, stating that when we love one another, God's love abides in us (1 John 4:12). Through acts of kindness, encouragement, and support from fellow believers, we indirectly experience God's love in a tangible way.

God demonstrate His Love to others and nations and Bless them and thereby share in God's Love and Blessings.

Scriptural References:

- **Ephesians 3:17 to 19, AKJV** 17 “ That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.”
- **Romans 5:5 (AKJV)** “ And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us ”
- **1 John 4:9 and 10, AKJV** 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Conclusion:

Both direct and indirect experiences of God's love are vital in our journey of faith. Directly receiving His love through faith, prayer, and personal relationship with Him deepens our understanding of His unmerited love. Indirectly receiving His love through the love shared among believers reinforces our awareness of His love permeating every aspect of life. In both cases, we respond with gratitude, awe, and a desire to share this remarkable love with others, reflecting God's heart and bringing glory to His name.

2. Through a personal and genuine relationship with Jesus Christ

Receiving God's love through a personal and genuine relationship with Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. This relationship is not a mere religious ritual; it's an intimate connection with the Savior who demonstrated God's love by His sacrifice on the cross. Through this relationship, we experience the depth of God's love in a profound and transformative way.

In John 14:6, Jesus declares, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This statement underscores the unique role of Jesus in our relationship with God. As we embrace Christ as our Savior and Lord, we enter into a direct relationship with the Father, experiencing His love through the Sod of God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus also reveals in John 15:9-10, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." Our genuine relationship with Jesus is marked by obedience, trust, and remaining in His love. When we align our lives with His teachings and abide in His love, we experience the fullness of God's love poured out on us.

The apostle Paul, in Romans 5:8, beautifully articulates the connection between God's love and Jesus: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Through Jesus' sacrifice, we see God's love in action—love that extends to us even in our brokenness and sin. Our personal relationship with Jesus opens the door for us to receive this incredible love, to be reconciled with God, and to experience His forgiveness and grace.

Through daily prayer, reading God's Word, and seeking His presence, we foster a genuine relationship with Jesus. In this relationship, we encounter His love, comfort, guidance, and transformation. As we draw near to Him, He draws near to us (James 4:8), and we find rest for our souls (Matthew 11:28-30). Our personal and genuine relationship with Jesus is the conduit

through which we receive God's immeasurable and unfailing love, leading us to a life of purpose, hope, and eternal significance.

Abiding in the vine is a powerful metaphor that Jesus used to illustrate the intimacy and depth of our relationship with Him. This concept is found in John 15:1-11, where Jesus describes Himself as the true vine, and His followers as the branches. This metaphor provides profound insights into how we receive God's love through our connection with Jesus.

In John 15:4-5, Jesus says, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing."

Here, the act of abiding is essential. It means staying closely connected to Jesus, allowing His life to flow through us. This continuous connection enables us to bear fruit, including the fruit of God's love manifesting in our lives.

When we abide in the Vine, (The Vine is Jesus Christ) we tap into the life-giving source of God's love, Jesus Christ (John 14:6), and the Holy Spirit, just as a branch draws nourishment from the vine. As we remain connected to Jesus through prayer, obedience, worship, and fellowship with other believers, we are filled with His love and transformed by His presence. This abiding relationship not only enriches our own lives but also enables us to share God's love with others.

1 John 4:16 (AKJV) beautifully emphasizes this truth: "16 And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him. " (John 13:34-35). Abiding in the vine means abiding in God's love, for is the source of love itself. As we remain in this love, it shapes our character, influences our actions, and empowers us to love others as Christ loved us

John 17:25 to 26 AKJV “ O righteous Father, the world has not known you: but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. 26 And I have declared to them your name, and will declare it: that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

In this abiding relationship, we experience God’s love as a continuous flow, nourishing our mind, soul and spirit, enabling us to live in a way that reflects His love to the world. Just as a branch flourishes when it remains connected to the vine, we thrive spiritually when we abide in Jesus, the true vine. Through this close relationship, we receive God’s love, walk in His grace, and become vessels of His love to a world in need.

3. Through the Holy Spirit

- God’s love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: Romans 5:5

- The Holy Spirit bears witness to our spirits that we are God’s children, experiencing His love.

Scripture: Romans 8:16

- For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

- The Holy Spirit helps us comprehend the depth of God’s love.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-19

- The fruit of the Spirit includes love, which the Holy Spirit produces in us.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22

- We are to walk in love, which is a fruit of the Spirit's work in our lives.

Scripture: Ephesians 5:2

- The Holy Spirit pours God's love into our hearts, enabling us to love one another.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9

- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to love as part of the evidence of their new life in Christ.

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:22

- The command to love one another is connected to the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence.

Scripture: 1 John 4:7

- God's love is perfected in us as we allow the Holy Spirit to abide in us.

Scripture: 1 John 4:12

- We know that we abide in God and He in us because of the Spirit He has given us.

Scripture: 1 John 4:13

- The Holy Spirit's presence and work within us enable us to love one another.

Scripture: 1 John 4:19

These instances emphasize the integral role of the Holy Spirit in enabling us to receive, understand, and express God's love. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, believers are equipped to love as Christ loved, allowing His love to flow through them to others.

- The Holy Spirit helps us cry out “Abba, Father,” indicating our adoption into God’s family through His love.

Scripture: Romans 8:15

- The Holy Spirit produces the love of God in our hearts, showing the transformative work of His presence.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

- The Holy Spirit’s role as a Helper includes guiding us to live in love and harmony with one another.

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-2

- The Holy Spirit strengthens us in our inner being to comprehend the vastness of Christ’s love.

Scripture: Ephesians 3:16-18

- The Holy Spirit enables believers to serve one another in love, fostering unity within the body of Christ.

Scripture: Galatians 5:13

- The Holy Spirit’s presence empowers believers to bear one another’s burdens in love.

Scripture: Galatians 6:2

- The Holy Spirit equips us to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, promoting love among believers.

Scripture: Ephesians 4:3

- The Holy Spirit's work in our hearts produces the fruit of love, among other qualities.

Scripture: Colossians 1:8

- The Holy Spirit's presence assures us of our connection with God's love.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

- The Holy Spirit's work enables believers to exhibit the qualities of love, joy, and peace.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22

- The Holy Spirit's love flows through believers as they are filled with Him.

Scripture: Romans 15:13

The Holy Spirit's influence on our lives is central to our ability to experience and express God's love. His presence empowers us to love God, love one another, and live out the qualities of love in our daily lives.

- The Holy Spirit empowered individuals in the Old Testament to skillfully contribute to the construction of the tabernacle, reflecting God's love for His people.

Scripture: Exodus 31:1-6

- The Holy Spirit enabled prophets in the Old Testament to speak God's messages, often containing words of love, rebuke, and encouragement.

Scripture: Ezekiel 2:2

- In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Day of Pentecost, signifying the beginning of the Church and the empowerment of believers to share the message of God's love.

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

- The Holy Spirit's presence in believers is a testament to God's love for His children, as He dwells within us.

Scripture: Romans 5:5

- The Holy Spirit empowers believers to serve and minister to others, demonstrating God's love through their actions and words.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:7

- The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth, helping us understand God's love and His plans for us.

Scripture: John 16:13

- The Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin, leading us to repentance and experiencing God's forgiving love.

Scripture: John 16:8

- The Holy Spirit's presence enables believers to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them.

Scripture: Matthew 5:44

- The Holy Spirit's fruit includes love, demonstrating that His work within us leads to a transformed heart and character.

Scripture: Galatians 5:22-23

- The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words, reflecting God's compassionate and loving care.

Scripture: Romans 8:26-27

The Holy Spirit's role spans both the Old and New Testaments, facilitating God's love for His people, empowering them to live in accordance with His commands, and enabling them to express love to others through their words and actions.

- In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit came upon leaders and judges, empowering them to deliver God's people from their enemies, showcasing God's love for His chosen nation.

Scripture: Judges 6:34

- The Holy Spirit guided and empowered individuals like David, displaying God's love through their righteous actions and devotion.

Scripture: Psalm 51:11

- In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit enabled believers to perform miracles, heal the sick, and cast out demons,

demonstrating God's love through acts of compassion and power.

Scripture: Acts 8:6-7

- The Holy Spirit's presence within believers confirms their adoption as children of God, reminding them of His love and assuring them of their identity.

Scripture: Romans 8:15-16

- The Holy Spirit equips believers with spiritual gifts to build up the body of Christ, reflecting God's love for His Church.

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:11

- Through the Holy Spirit, believers experience the love of God poured into their hearts, enabling them to love others genuinely.

Scripture: Romans 5:5

- The Holy Spirit convicts individuals of their need for salvation, leading them to repentance and experiencing the depth of God's love and grace.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4-5

- The Holy Spirit's presence empowers believers to bear witness to Jesus Christ, sharing the message of His love and salvation with others.

Scripture: Acts 1:8

- The Holy Spirit guides believers in making decisions, choosing paths that align with God's loving plans for their lives.

Scripture: Romans 8:14

- The Holy Spirit's work within believers produces transformation, molding them into vessels of God's love and mercy, making them more like Christ.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18

Throughout both the Old and New Testaments, the Holy Spirit plays a crucial role in demonstrating and imparting God's love to His people. By empowering believers, guiding them, producing spiritual fruit, and confirming their identity, the Holy Spirit reveals God's unwavering love and presence in their lives.

4. Through God's Word

God's word is Living and Active; Jesus is the Word of God and Jesus abides in the Love of God the Father. Through the life and words of Jesus, we know what love is.

- Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, came to reveal God's love and grace to humanity.

Scripture: John 1:14

- Believers receive God's love as they abide in Jesus, the Word, and His teachings.

Scripture: John 15:7 to 10

- Through studying and believing in God's Word, believers have eternal life and experience God's love.

Scripture: John 5:39-40

- God's Word, which is Jesus, nourishes and sustains believers, reflecting God's love for them.

Scripture: Matthew 4:4

- Meditating on God's Word helps believers grow in their understanding of God's love and truth.

Scripture: Psalm 1:2-3

- The Scriptures testify about Jesus, and by believing in Him, we receive His love and eternal life.

Scripture: John 5:39,40

- Jesus Christ, the Living Word, is the source of eternal life and the embodiment of God's love.

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-2

- Through faith in Jesus Christ, believers receive the gift of God's love and salvation.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8,9

- The Word of God is a lamp that guides our steps and leads us to experience God's love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105

- Meditating on God's Word helps believers to discern His will and experience His love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:130

- By studying and obeying God's Word, believers experience His love and intimacy.

Scripture: John 14:23

- Word is a powerful tool that transforms believers' minds and reveals His love.

Scripture: Romans 12:2

- Jesus, the Word of God, taught about God's love, forgiveness, and grace.

Scripture: Luke 6:27-36

- The Scriptures are inspired by God and provide guidance, revealing His love and truth.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16

- Believers are called to let the Word of Christ dwell richly in them, enabling them to experience God's love.

Scripture: Colossians 3:16

- God's Word, which is Jesus, came to save, heal, and restore, demonstrating His love.

Scripture: Luke 4:18-19

- God's Word is a source of comfort and hope, revealing His steadfast love and faithfulness to those who meditate on it.

Scripture: Psalm 119:50

- Through the Scriptures, believers gain understanding of God's love and His plans for their lives.

Scripture: Psalm 119:104

- Meditating on God's Word brings joy to the heart and helps believers to grow in their understanding of His love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:111

- God's Word is a lamp that guides our steps and reveals His loving path for us to follow.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105

- Meditating on God's Word helps believers to resist sin and to walk in His ways, demonstrating their love for God the Father, Jesus Christ, and others.

Scripture: Psalm 119:11

- The Scriptures testify to Jesus Christ and His sacrificial love, deepening our faith in God's love for us;

Scripture: John 5:39

- Studying the Bible helps believers to recognize and embrace God's love in their lives.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9

- The Word of God helps believers to recognize the depth of God's love and His plans for their salvation.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:15

- God's Word is powerful and alive, penetrating our hearts and minds, revealing His love and transforming us.

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

- Believers are called to be doers of the Word, not just hearers, which shows their response to God's love.

Scripture: James 1:22

- God's Word helps believers to abide in His love by obeying His commandments.

Scripture: John 15:10

- The Scriptures contain God's promises that assure us of His love and faithfulness.

Scripture: 2 Peter 1:4

- Through studying and believing in God's Word, believers experience spiritual growth and are equipped to love others.

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16&17

- God's Word teaches us how to love and serve others, reflecting His character and love.

Scripture: Galatians 5:13

- The Scriptures provide guidance, encouragement, and hope, revealing God's unwavering love.

Scripture: Romans 15:4 - Studying, meditating on, and believing in God's Word, who is Jesus Christ, allows believers to encounter His love, grace, and transformative power. The Scriptures reveal God's plan of salvation through Christ and provide guidance for living in alignment with His love. As believers immerse themselves in the Word, they receive the message of God's love, leading to transformation, growth, and a deeper relationship with Him.

- The Word of God is a source of comfort, hope, and encouragement, reminding believers of God's love.

Scripture: Romans 15:4

- God's Word brings conviction and repentance, leading to a deeper experience of His love.

Scripture: Hebrews 4:12

- Through meditating on God's Word day and night, believers experience prosperity and God's love.

Scripture: Psalm 1:2&3

- God's Word is a foundation for faith and a means of experiencing His love and truth.

Scripture: Romans 10:17

- By trusting in God's Word, believers find refuge and experience His love as their stronghold.

Scripture: Psalm 119:114

- Meditating on God's Word helps believers overcome fear and anxiety, knowing His love and faithfulness.

Scripture: Psalm 56:3-4

- Through the Word of God, believers receive wisdom and insight, enhancing their experience of His love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:97-99

- God's Word is a guide that leads believers to paths of righteousness, revealing His love.

Scripture: Psalm 23:3

- The Word of God produces transformation in the lives of believers, reflecting His love.

Scripture: James 1:22 to 25

- By abiding in God's Word, believers experience the truth that sets them free and encounter His love.

Scripture: John 8:31-32

- Meditating on the Scriptures helps believers to remain faithful and experience God's unfailing love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:11

- The Word of God is enlightening and gives understanding, enabling believers to know and experience His love.

Scripture: Psalm 119;130

- God's Word imparts knowledge and revelation of His love and purposes to believers.

Scripture: Ephesians 1:17-18

- Jesus Himself is the fulfillment of God's Word, and by following Him, believers experience His love.

Scripture: John 1:45

- The Scriptures reveal the promises of God, which believers can claim and experience His love.

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:20

- By hiding God's Word in their hearts, believers guard against sin and experience His love.

Scripture: Psalm 119:11

Studying, meditating on, and believing in God's Word bring believers into a deeper encounter with His love, guidance, and transformative power. As we immerse ourselves in the Scriptures, we discover the depths of God's love and His desire for our well-being. The Word of God serves as a lamp that illuminates our path and a source of strength, comfort, and hope. Through the Word, believers experience a closer relationship with God, realizing His abounded love and all of the blessings He provides.

5. Through interacting and fellowship with other Spirit filled believers & followers of Jesus Christ

- **Sacrificial Love:** When fellow believers sacrificially serve, giving of their time, resources, and even their own comfort, they display the selfless love that God has shown us (1 John 3:16).
- **Strengthening Each Other:** In times of weakness, fellow believers lift us up through their support and prayers. They strengthen us in our faith, reminding us of God's unwavering love (1 Thessalonians 3:2-3).
- **Mentoring the Next Generation:** Older, mature believers mentoring and investing in younger believers exemplify God's generational love. Passing down wisdom and faith impacts the future of the Church (2 Timothy 2:2).
- **Support in Trials:** When fellow believers stand with us in difficult times, it reveals God's love. Their empathy, care, and

assistance during trials remind us that we are not alone (Galatians 6:2).

- **Fruit of the Spirit:** As believers exhibit the fruit of the Spirit, which are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; God's love is evident in their lives (Galatians 5:22-23).
- **Bearing Burdens:** Sharing one another's burdens is a practical way to display God's love. Helping each other through life's challenges fulfills the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).
- **Mutual Accountability:** Believers who hold each other accountable in a spirit of love encourage one another to grow in Christ. This accountability reflects God's desire for our spiritual development (Ephesians 4:15).
- **Prayer and Fellowship:** Through the power of the Holy Spirit, believers connect in prayer and fellowship, demonstrating God's love for one another (1 John 1:7). This mutual encouragement builds a sense of unity and community, highlighting the love God has for His people. **John 17:25-26** “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. 26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”
- **Encouragement:** Believers uplift each other through words of encouragement, edifying one another in faith (1 Thessalonians 5:11). This support reflects God's desire to see His children grow and flourish, fostering an environment of love and affirmation.
- **Spiritual Gifts:** As believers exercise their spiritual gifts for the benefit of the body, they manifest God's love (1 Corinthians 12:7). Each person's unique contribution demonstrates the diverse ways God's love operates within the Church.
- **Discipleship:** Seasoned believers guide and mentor newer ones in their faith journey (Titus 2:3-5). This passing on of spiritual

wisdom reveals God's heart for growth, maturation, and His continuous investment in His people.

- **Making known God the Father:** John 17:25-26 “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”
- **Service and Sacrifice / Laying down one's own Life:** Acts of service, where believers sacrificially give of their time and resources, mirror God's selfless love (Galatians 5:13). These actions showcase God's heart for others, reminding us of the call to love and serve one another.
- **Correcting and Forgiving:** In a spirit of love, believers sometimes need correction. Offering and receiving correction in love, as well as extending forgiveness, reflects God's commitment to our growth, restoration, and reconciliation (Colossians 3:13).
- **Support in Trials:** Fellow believers stand by us during challenging times, mirroring God's love and compassion (Romans 12:15). This camaraderie strengthens our faith and reminds us of God's unfailing love.
- **Worship and Praise:** When believers come together to worship and exalt God, His love is celebrated (Psalm 95:1-6). This collective praise magnifies God's love, creating a space where His presence is felt and His love acknowledged.
- **Building Each Other Up:** Believers are called to build each other up, edifying and strengthening one another in the faith (Ephesians 4:29). This act reflects God's intention for us to be a source of encouragement, fostering a community of love.
- **Serving the World:** As believers collectively engage in compassionate outreach and missions, they exemplify God's

love for the world (Matthew 25:40). This shared effort to impact the lives of others demonstrates God's heart for humanity.

- **Mutual Support:** Believers offer emotional and spiritual support to one another, showing the care and concern that God has for His children (1 Thessalonians 4:18). This shared burden-bearing strengthens the bond within the community.
- **Empathy and Understanding:** Being understanding and empathetic, listening and relating to each other's struggles, mirrors the compassionate nature of God (1 Peter 3:8). This creates an atmosphere of acceptance and love.
- **Sharing Life Together:** Believers come alongside each other, sharing in life's joys and challenges, exemplifying God's desire for genuine relationships (Romans 12:15). This shared journey fosters deep connections and love.
- **Teaching and Mentoring:** Mature believers guide others in their spiritual growth, replicating God's heart for nurturing and development (2 Timothy 2:2). This mentoring helps in passing on the knowledge of God's love.
- **Practical Acts of Kindness:** Small acts of kindness within the community demonstrate God's love in action (Galatians 6:10). Providing for each other's needs reflects God's provision and care.
- **Reconciliation:** In conflicts and disagreements, believers strive for reconciliation, showcasing God's love that seeks unity and peace (Matthew 5:9). The process of restoration reflects the heart of God.
- **Celebrating Milestones:** Believers rejoice in each other's achievements and life milestones, mirroring God's delight in His children's growth and successes (Romans 12:15). Celebrating together strengthens the bonds of love.
- **Praying for One Another:** Intercessory prayer, lifting each other up in prayer, demonstrates God's desire for our well-being

(James 5:16). This act of seeking God's best for each other reveals His loving heart.

- **Accountability:** Loving accountability, where believers gently hold each other accountable, reflects God's desire for holiness and growth (1 Thessalonians 5:11). This ensures that we walk in the paths of righteousness.
- **Shared Testimonies:** Sharing personal testimonies of God's work in our lives encourages and strengthens others, magnifying God's love and faithfulness (Revelation 12:11). These stories remind us of God's transformative love.
- **Worship and Praise:** When believers gather in worship, they exalt God together, magnifying His love and worthiness (Psalm 34:3). This shared praise reflects the beauty of God's love and draws the community closer to Him.
- **Bearing Each Other's Burdens:** Just as God carries our burdens, believers come alongside one another during challenging times (Galatians 6:2). This mutual support demonstrates God's compassionate nature and fosters a sense of belonging.
- **Encouragement:** Believers encourage and uplift each other in times of discouragement, reminding one another of God's promises and faithfulness (Hebrews 10:24-25). This encouragement is an expression of God's love that brings hope.
- **Fellowship:** Gathering together for fellowship reflects God's desire for His children to enjoy each other's company (1 John 1:7). The joy of fellowship mirrors God's love for community and shared experiences.
- **Sharing the Gospel:** When believers spread the message of salvation, they manifest God's love for the lost (Matthew 28:19-20). This act of sharing the good news demonstrates God's heart for reconciliation.
- **Discipleship:** Mentoring and discipleship within the community mirror God's desire for spiritual growth and

transformation (2 Timothy 2:2). This investment in each other's spiritual journey shows God's love through guidance.

- **Unity as one in the Spirit:** We as Christians are united together into one Spirit, one Heart, one Mind, (Acts 4:32) one Hope, one Faith, one Love, as God's Love interacts between us
- **Submitting to one another:** We receive God's Love as we humble ourselves and submit to one another in Love. (Ephesians 5:21)
- **Serving Together:** Believers work together in service, whether in ministry or meeting needs, showcasing God's heart for selfless service (1 Peter 4:10-11). This shared service reflects God's sacrificial love.
- **Support in Trials:** When believers face trials, the community rallies to support and comfort, reflecting God's promise to be with us in times of trouble (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). This solidarity demonstrates God's love in difficult moments.
- **Living a Holy Life:** By striving for holiness, believers display God's love for righteousness and transformation (1 Peter 1:15-16). This pursuit of godliness reflects God's love for His children's spiritual growth.
- **Abiding in Jesus Christ:** When believers abide in Jesus Christ, they experience the fullness of His love (John 15:9-10). This intimate connection with Christ allows His love to flow through them, transforming their hearts and actions.
- **Obedience:** God's love is closely intertwined with obedience to His commands (1 John 5:3). When believers obey God, they align their lives with His perfect will, reflecting His love in their choices and actions.
- **Prayer:** Through prayer, believers communicate with God, deepening their relationship and experiencing His love (Matthew 6:6). In prayer, they find solace, guidance, and a personal connection with the loving Creator.

- **Studying God's Word:** The Bible reveals God's character and love for humanity. By studying Scripture, believers gain insights into the depth of God's love and His desire for a close relationship with them (Psalm 119:105).
- **Acts of Service:** Demonstrating love through acts of service, kindness, and compassion is a reflection of God's love working through believers (1 John 3:18). Serving others is an expression of love rooted in God's own nature.
- **Responding to Conviction:** The Holy Spirit convicts believers of their need for Christ's love and forgiveness (John 16:8). Responding to this conviction opens the door to experiencing God's transforming love.
- **Sharing the Gospel:** As believers share the Gospel, they spread the message of God's love for all (Romans 10:14-15). The act of sharing the Good News extends the reach of God's love to those who have not yet encountered it.
- **Confession and Repentance:** When believers confess their sins and turn to God in repentance, they experience the depth of His forgiving love (1 John 1:9). This act of humility and seeking restoration reflects God's merciful love.
- **Enduring Trials:** God's love sustains believers during trials (Romans 8:35-39). When they cling to God's promises in challenging times, they experience His unwavering love that provides strength and comfort.
- **Praising God:** Praising and worshiping God allows believers to express their love and gratitude for Him (Psalm 100:4). As they magnify His name, they experience the richness of His love and its transformative power.
- **Serving the World:** As believers collectively engage in compassionate outreach and missions, they exemplify God's love for the world (Matthew 25:40). This shared effort to impact the lives of others demonstrates God's heart for humanity.

6. Through willing obeying God's teachings & Commandments

We should keep and obey the Commandments of Jesus Christ and continuing to Abide in Him the true vine, and Grow up in His Love.

John 15:1-10 AKJV 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

God's love flows through His people weaving us together into one Body, into one Faith, into one Love, in service to God and towards others. The diverse ways in which God teaches believers to express love reveals God's heart and brings us closer, to Him. When we engage in acts of love, between one another, we reflect Christ's love to the world making God's love tangible and evident in our lives and to those around us.

- **Continuing in God's Word and His teachings;** We receive God's love by embracing His teachings and following His commandments. As we live according to His word we experience His love. (John 14:23)
- **Obeying His instructions and Commandments;** Jesus teaches that those who truly love Him will obey His commandments

resulting in the manifestation of God's love within them. (John 14:15; 1 John 2:5)

- **Walking in Love;** The Apostle John emphasizes that when we walk in a spirit of love and faithfully follow God's commandments His perfect love is fully realized within us. (1 John 2:5)
- **Bearing Fruit through Obedience;** Jesus speaks about abiding in His affection by adhering to His commandments; this leads to fruitfulness. Proof of Love; When we obey God's commandments it is a demonstration of our love, for Him. In turn His love is fully realized in us when we follow His guidance. (1 John 2:3-5)
- **Abiding in Love;** By adhering to God's commandments and staying within the realm of His love we can experience the joy that comes from being connected to Him. (John 15:9,10)
- **Walking in His Ways;** When we obey God's commands and live according to His ways we open ourselves up to receive His blessings and experience the depth of His love. (Deuteronomy 30:16)
- **Treasure God's Commands;** The psalmist acknowledges their affection for God's commands. Finds solace in pondering them day and night. Through this practice they delight in experiencing the love that flows from God. (Psalm 119:47,48)
- **Delighting in God's Law;** Those who take pleasure in studying and reflecting on God's law continuously immersing themselves in its wisdom day and night are akin to trees firmly rooted near flowing streams of water. They not only experience God's love but also receive provision from Him. (Psalm 1:2,3)
- **Teachings of Jesus;** Jesus assures that those who embrace and live by His teachings will be deeply loved by the Father Himself. In fact both Jesus and the Father will make their place within individuals. (John 14:23)
- **Living Righteously;** As we faithfully follow God's teachings and commandments aligning our lives with what's right, by Him we

find ourselves embraced by His loving favor. (Psalm 119:33-35)

- **Expressing Love to God;** When we respond to God's love by obeying His teachings and commandments it becomes an act of love, from our side. Through our obedience we can witness the manifestation of His love in our lives. (John 14:21)
- **Safeguarding His Word;** By keeping God's commandments close to our hearts and treasuring His word we are able to steer of sin and experience the presence of His love. (Psalm 119:11)
- **The Fulfillment of God's Divine Law;** Jesus taught us that all the law and the prophets find their fulfillment in the commandments to love God wholeheartedly and love one another deeply. This reveals that obedience is indeed an expression of love. (Matthew 22:37-40)
- **Demonstrating Love for God through Loving Others;** When we faithfully follow God's directive to show love for one another it becomes a demonstration of our affection towards Him. As we embrace this commandment His boundless love operates within us and through us. (1 John 4:11)
- **Walking in the Light;** Walking in the light involves adhering to God's commandments. This intimate fellowship, with Him nurtured by obedience leads us to encounter and experience His affection. (1 John 1:7)
- **Upholding His Covenant;** Obeying God's commandments serves as a way to honor the covenant He established with His people. By upholding this covenant we gain experience of His enduring love and unwavering faithfulness. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- **Reaping Blessings;** When we faithfully follow God's teachings and commandments we are rewarded with blessings and abundance. These blessings are a reflection of God's love, for His children. (Deuteronomy 28:1, 2)
- **Walking in God's Ways;** By obeying God's commandments and living according to His ways we invite His favor. Experience the

outpouring of His blessings. It is an expression of His love for us. (Deuteronomy 5:33)

- **Obtaining Promises;** When we adhere to God's teachings we witness the fulfillment of His promises. This serves as a testament to His love and faithfulness towards us. (Hebrews 6:12)
- **Guidance and Wisdom;** Following God's commands leads us to wisdom and discernment allowing us to truly experience His love through the guidance He provides. (Psalm 119:97-100)

In essence, obeying God's teachings and commandments is our desired response to His enduring Love towards us, along with our trust in Him and devotion to Him. Though we do not earn or deserve His love our obedience enables us to walk in it embrace His blessings and align our lives with His plan for us. Through obedience we tangibly demonstrate God's love in our lives while sharing it with others as a testimony of our faith in Him.

7. We can also recognize and learn certain aspects of God's Love sometimes even from non-christians, although limited and imperfect.

Throughout history various peoples and cultures have displayed qualities of God's Love, such, as kindness, hospitality and charity. As Christians we can even learn from non Christians who have demonstrated compassion for instance, in their actions and words without knowing or following Jesus Christ's Way of Love as extensively as God intended. Their affectionate deeds can inspire and provoke us believers to deepen our connection with God's Love all the more.

It is our responsibility as Christians to serve as the examples of God's Love. Should non-christians be the foremost ones to teach and demonstrate what Love is? Well no, because the world's understanding and practices of love are limited, flawed due to sin and corruption that has yet to be cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb (Jesus) the Grace of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. non-christians still lack the Holy Spirit to

establish the pureness and completeness of God's Love in their minds and hearts.

We should always strive to be ambassadors of Jesus Christ—representatives who exemplify God's Love to the world. Our lives should align with the same love Jesus demonstrated and further consistent with what we preach, teach, and live on a continual basis, without hypocrisy.

When we make it our purpose to love one another just as Jesus Christ loved us and when we wholeheartedly love God with all our heart, mind and strength we become the Light and salt to a world filled with darkness, and emptiness. How will they know we are Christians? By the Love that we have for one another. John 13:35

As a result the world becomes more open and receptive to the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ because we have surrendered ourselves and allowed God's Spirit and Love to shine through us. This is why Jesus Christ instructed believers not to go out into the world until they had been established through discipleship and received the Holy Spirit from God.

Throughout the Old Testament we can witness God's love at work through various individuals. For instance the story of Ruth, a woman from Moabite descent illustrates God's providential care and He includes people from foreign lands into His Master plan. Despite Ruth coming from a foreign background (Non-Israelite) her loyalty, humility and devotion reflected the characteristics of God's love. Similarly individuals like Rahab from Canaanite origins and Naaman from Syria demonstrate how God interacts with non Israelites and extends His love beyond boundaries.

In the New Testament we observe how God's love surpasses cultural and social divisions. The parable of the Good Samaritan serves as an illustration of love in action, by challenging prejudices and reminding us about the nature of love.

The faith exhibited by the centurion and the Syrophenician woman serves as a testament, to how God's love transcends boundaries. Although

these examples don't fully capture the depth of Christ's love they offer lessons and reflections of God's attributes. The acts of kindness, hospitality and virtuous behavior demonstrated by individuals who may have not yet come to know of Jesus Christ, sometimes mirror aspects of God's love that resonate with us. This highlights humanity's understanding of love even though it may be incomplete without knowledge of Christ.

It is important to remember that Israel as God's chosen people and genuine Christians have faithfully shared God's Word and Acts of Love throughout generations leaving a lasting impact on the hearts and minds of the people in many nations. Hence even non Christians can sometimes exhibit qualities of God's Love that has indirectly been passed down from generation to generation. The profound impact it has had on all peoples, around the world.

Non-Christians have picked up certain character traits of God's love and some of those attributes of God's love have been demonstrated in part by many individuals, societies, and cultures, throughout time.

Anytime when non-Christians seem to demonstrate more love, graciousness, and humility than Christians, this becomes an awakening and a motivation for us, to do What God has Commanded us to do, which is to Love one another, as Jesus did; To minister faithfully to the those in our communities and around the world. Not only in our words, which should be filled with love and kindness, but in our actions also and far more.

As Christians we are called to follow Jesus Christ as the bearers of God's love to others and live according to His standard.

The examples provided by individuals, from cultures and backgrounds can serve as a source of inspiration for us to deepen our understanding of God's love and for us to strive to love others with excellence. It is important to note that these examples should never overshadow the love demonstrated by Christ. However they can motivate us to Love more and more in our daily lives, wherever God leads us.

These biblical references provide insights, into aspects of living out God's love and serve as reminders of the richness and depth of His love that goes beyond our limited understanding.

HOW do we RECEIVE God's Love ?

Romans 5:5 AKJV 5 And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (Spirit) which is given to us.

1 John 4:9-10 AKJV “9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

2 Timothy 1:7 AKJV 7 For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

What does God Love?

What Ways does God give His Love?

What Ways does God want us to give His Love?

What are some of the Acts of Love?

What are the Virtues and Attributes intertwined with God's Love?

The essence of God's love is a central theme that permeates the Word of God in the Bible. From its very beginning in Genesis to the last book of Revelations, the Scriptures reveal the depth and breadth of God's love for humanity. It's a divine love that goes beyond our comprehension, a love that is both unmerited, unwavering, and even sometimes conditional, a love that seeks to transform and redeem. As we delve into the questions surrounding God's love, we find ourselves on a journey to understand the very heart of our Creator and how His love shapes our lives.

What Does God Love?

To understand what God loves, is to begin to receive divine Wisdom and insight of the very Spirit of His nature. God's love extends to His creation, encompassing not just humanity but all that He has made. His love for justice, righteousness, truth, and the well-being of His children are evident throughout Scripture. We'll explore the depth of His love for us and the attributes and actions intertwined with it.

Psalms 33:5. AKJV 5 He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Psalm 37:28 (AKJV)

“For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.”

Psalm 11:7 (AKJV)

“For the Lord is righteous, He loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”

Psalm 33:5 (AKJV)

“He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

Psalm 99:4 (AKJV)

“The King's strength also loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

What Ways Does God Give His Love?

God gives His Love to us in countless ways; By sending His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins and offering us the free gift of salvation, God's love is poured out in the most profound and sacrificial way. Jesus Christ demonstrated fully to us the meaning of Love in Spirit and in Truth, and through Jesus Christ, the Love of God Father and the Son comes to us, by the Holy Spirit.

God demonstrates His love not only in His Words but through His actions; God's Love is not an abstract concept or feeling; Rather God demonstrates and gives His Love, through acts of kindness, forgiveness, compassion, and selflessness etc...and then we can become servants of God's love to a world in need. God gives His Love both freely unconditionally at times and conditionally in other circumstances and times, as He so wills and desires, in accordance with His surpassing infinite Wisdom.

What Ways Does God Want Us to Give His Love?

As recipients of God's boundless love, we are called to be vessels of that love to others. God desires that we reflect His love in our interactions, relationships, and actions, not just in words.

What Are Some of the Acts of Love?

Love is not merely a sentiment of affection only or of Faith alone; it's the very Spirit of God. He's Love is what motivates and encourages us to action, to give His same Love unto Him and to others and to do good works of Love. Throughout the Bible, we see acts of love that exemplify God's character. From caring for the impoverished, the sick, the lonely, and oppressed to offering forgiveness, compassion and reconciliation, these acts of love mirror the heart of God and His desire for us to live out His love in tangible ways.

What Are some of the Virtues, Attributes, Intertwined with God's Love?

God's love is intertwined with a tapestry of virtues and attributes that reflect His character. Patience, kindness, humility, selflessness, and perseverance are all traits that spring forth from the foundation of God's love. When we embrace these attributes, we align ourselves with the essence of who God is and how He wants us to live.

As we explore these questions, we enter through The Door, Who is Jesus Christ, and opens Way to draw us closer to the heart of God. Through His

love, we find purpose, meaning, and the inspiration to extend that love to others, transforming not only our own lives but the world around us.

Here below are some more Virtues, Attributes and Spiritual Characteristics of Love ; These are associated with God's Love and the Way that our Love should be comprised of and demonstrated; Also some the Spiritual traits that God Himself Loves;

- **Justice and Righteousness:** God loves justice and righteousness. His love is expressed through His establishment of justice and His desire for His people to live Holy, and righteously through Jesus Christ. (Psalm 33:5, Psalm 89:14)
- **Mercy and Compassion:** God's love is shown through His mercy and compassion towards His creation. He extends His grace to those who repent and turn to Him. (Psalm 103:8)
- **Obedience and Faithfulness:** God loves obedience and faithfulness from His people. He delights in those who honor His commands and remain faithful to Him. (Deuteronomy 7:9)
- **His Creation:** God loves His creation and declared it "good." He takes care of His creation and provides for its needs. (Genesis 1:31)
- **Humility and Repentance:** God loves a humble and repentant heart. He is close to those who humble themselves before Him and turn away from sin. (Psalm 51:17)
- **The Humble:** God's love is directed towards the humble. He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (James 4:6)
- **The Oppressed and Needy:** God loves those who are oppressed and in need. He defends and cares for the vulnerable and needy in society. (Psalm 72:12-14)
- **His People:** God loves His chosen people, the Israelites, and also extends His love to all who believe in His Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:8)

- **Generosity and Cheerful Giving:** God loves a generous and cheerful giver. He blesses those who give with a joyful heart. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- **Unity among Believers:** God loves unity among His followers. He desires His people to be united in love and purpose. (1 John 4:12)
- **Forgiveness and Reconciliation:** God loves forgiveness and reconciliation. He sent Jesus to reconcile humanity to Himself through His sacrifice. (2 Corinthians 5:19)
- **The Seekers:** God loves those who seek Him diligently. He rewards those who earnestly seek Him with a sincere heart. (Hebrews 11:6)
- **Goodness and Uprightness:** God loves goodness and upright living. He watches over those who fear Him and walk in integrity. (Psalm 33:18)
- **Righteousness:** God loves righteousness and delights in those who live according to His moral standards. (Psalm 11:7, Psalm 33:5)
- **Holiness:** God loves holiness and calls His people to be set apart and consecrated for His purposes. (Leviticus 19:2, 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- **Integrity:** God loves those who walk in integrity and honesty. He desires His people to be truthful and upright. (Proverbs 11:20, Psalm 26:1)
- **Humble Hearts:** God loves humility and is near to the humble in spirit. He opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (Psalm 138:6, James 4:6)
- **Compassion:** God loves compassion and calls His people to show mercy and kindness to others. (Micah 6:8, Colossians 3:12)
- **Justice:** God loves justice and desires His people to seek justice for the oppressed and vulnerable. (Isaiah 61:8, Amos 5:24)

- **Mercy:** God loves mercy and extends His compassion and forgiveness to those who repent. (Exodus 34:6-7, Ephesians 2:4-5)
- **Faithfulness:** God loves faithfulness and rewards those who remain steadfast in their devotion to Him. (Deuteronomy 7:9, Psalm 31:23)
- **Generosity:** God loves a generous heart that shares with others. He blesses those who give freely. (2 Corinthians 9:7, Proverbs 22:9)
- **Purity:** God loves purity of heart and calls His people to maintain purity in thoughts and actions. (Psalm 24:3-4, 1 Timothy 4:12)
- **Love for Others:** God loves when His people love one another and demonstrate genuine care and concern. (1 John 4:7-8, Romans 13:10)
- **Fruit of the Spirit:** God loves when His Spirit produces the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control in believers' lives. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- **Worship in Spirit and Truth:** God loves true worship that comes from the heart, with sincerity and truth. (John 4:23-24, Psalm 95:6)
- **Obedience:** God loves when His people obey His commands and walk in His ways. Obedience reflects our love for Him and brings blessings. (John 14:23, 1 John 5:3)
- **Repentance:** God loves when His children turn away from sin and repent. He is gracious to forgive and restore those who humbly seek Him. (Ezekiel 33:11, Acts 3:19)
- **Sacrifice:** God loves sacrificial giving and service. Just as Jesus laid down His life for us, God appreciates when we sacrificially serve others. (Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 13:16)
- **Unity:** God loves when His people live in unity and harmony. Unity reflects His nature and testifies to His presence among us.

(Psalm 133:1, Ephesians 4:3)

- **Faith:** God loves when His people place their trust in Him. Faith pleases God and opens the door to His blessings and favor. (Hebrews 11:6, Galatians 3:6)
- **Seeking His Face:** God loves when His children earnestly seek His presence through prayer, worship, and intimacy. (Psalm 27:8, Jeremiah 29:13)
- **Prayer:** God loves when His people communicate with Him in prayer. He invites us to cast our cares upon Him and share our hearts. (Philippians 4:6, 1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- **Praise and Thanksgiving:** God loves when His people offer genuine praise and thanksgiving. A grateful heart honors Him and acknowledges His goodness. (Psalm 100:4, Hebrews 13:15)
- **Perseverance:** God loves when His children endure trials and tribulations with faith. Perseverance in the midst of challenges pleases Him. (James 1:12, Romans 5:3-4)
- **Fear of the Lord:** God loves when His people have a reverential awe of Him. The fear of the Lord leads to wisdom and understanding. (Proverbs 8:13, Psalm 34:9)
- **Forgiving Spirit:** God loves when His people extend forgiveness to others as He has forgiven us. Forgiveness reflects His grace and mercy. (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:14&15)
- **Boldness in Faith:** God loves when His children boldly proclaim and live out their faith, sharing His message with others. (Acts 4:29, Romans 1:16)
- **Truth:** God loves when His people embrace and live according to His truth. Walking in truth brings us closer to Him and sets us free from deception. (Psalm 119:30, John 8:32)
- **Light:** God loves when His children walk in the light of His presence. Choosing to live in His light exposes darkness and brings transformation. (1 John 1:7, Ephesians 5:8)
- **Endurance:** God loves when His people endure trials and challenges with faith and perseverance. Endurance produces

character and hope. (Romans 5:3-4, James 1:12)

- **Life:** God loves when His children value and cherish the gift of life. He is the source of all life and delights in His creation. (John 10:10, and Psalm 139:13-16)
- **Holiness:** God loves when His people pursue holiness and set themselves apart for His purposes. Holiness reflects His purity and sanctification. (1 Peter 1:15-16, Hebrews 12:14)
- **Compassion:** God loves when His children show compassion to the hurting and broken. Compassion mirrors His heart of love and mercy. (Colossians 3:12, Matthew 9:36)
- **Wisdom:** God loves when His people seek and apply His wisdom in their lives. Wisdom guides our decisions and honors Him. (Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5)
- **Generosity:** God loves when His people are generous and share their resources with others. Generosity reflects His abundant provision. (2 Corinthians 9:7, Luke 6:38)
- **Servanthood:** God loves when His children serve one another in humility and love. Jesus modeled servanthood, and it reflects His nature. (Galatians 5:13, Mark 10:45)
- **Humility:** God loves when His people walk in humility, acknowledging their dependence on Him. Humility exalts Him and honors His greatness. (James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:6)
- **Purity:** God loves when His children pursue purity in heart, mind, and actions. Purity aligns us with His holiness and righteousness. (Matthew 5:8, 1 Timothy 5:22)
- **Fruit of the Spirit:** God loves when His people exhibit the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:16)
- **Honesty:** God loves when His children speak truthfully and live with integrity. Honesty reflects His nature as the God of truth. (Proverbs 12:22, Ephesians 4:25)

- **Just Measure:** God loves when His people deal justly and honestly in all their transactions. Fairness and righteousness are important to Him. (Proverbs 11:1, Leviticus 19:35 and 36)
- **Pure Speech:** God loves when His children speak words that are pure, edifying, and free from deceit. Our speech should reflect His holiness. (Proverbs 15:4, Ephesians 4:29)
- **Bridled Tongue:** God loves when His people exercise self-control over their tongues. A controlled tongue is a sign of wisdom and humility. (James 3:2, Proverbs 21:23)
- **Listening to His Word:** God loves when His children listen attentively to His Word and seek to understand His wisdom. Listening shows respect and willingness to learn. James 1:22, Proverbs 1:5)
- **Us Meditating on His Word:** God loves when His people meditate on His Word day and night. Meditating deepens our understanding and transforms our hearts. (Psalm 1:2, Joshua 1:8)
- **Discipleship:** God loves when His followers are committed to being disciples of Jesus Christ, growing in knowledge and obedience. Discipleship reflects a heart that seeks to learn and follow. (Matthew 28:19-20, - John 8:31)
- **Kindness:** God loves when His children show kindness to one another and to those in need. Kindness mirrors His loving and compassionate nature. (Ephesians 4:32, Luke 6:35)
- **Self-Control:** God loves when His people exercise self-control over their desires and actions. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit and brings glory to Him. (Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 25:28)
- **Righteousness:** God loves when His children pursue righteousness and live in accordance with His moral standards. Righteousness reflects His holiness. (Proverbs 21:21, Psalm 11:7)
- **Faithfulness:** God loves when His followers are faithful and dependable in their commitments and relationships.

Faithfulness mirrors His unwavering love. (Psalm 119:90, Proverbs 28:20)

- **Gentleness:** God loves when His people exhibit gentleness and humility in their interactions with others. Gentleness reflects the character of Christ. (Galatians 5:23, Philippians 4:5)
- **Being Slow to Speak:** God loves when we are slow to speak, showing restraint and thoughtfulness in our words. This reflects wisdom and humility. (James 1:19, Proverbs 17:27-28)
- **Being Slow to Anger:** God loves when we are slow to anger, choosing patience and self-control instead of reacting impulsively. This reflects His patient nature. (Proverbs 14:29, James 1:19-20)
- **Resolving Anger Issues:** God loves when we work to resolve our anger and conflicts in a healthy and God-honoring manner. This promotes unity and reconciliation. (Ephesians 4:26-27, Matthew 5:23-24)
- **Temperance (Self-Control):** God loves when we exercise self-control over our desires and impulses. Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit and honors His guidance. (Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 25:28)
- **Walking the Narrow Path:** God loves when we choose the narrow path of righteousness and obedience, even when it's challenging. This demonstrates our commitment to Him. (Matthew 7:13-14, Psalm 119:32)
- **Hospitality:** God loves when we practice hospitality, welcoming others into our homes and lives with love and generosity. Hospitality reflects His welcoming nature. (Hebrews 13:2, 1 Peter 4:9)
- **Ministering to the Needs of Others:** God loves when we actively minister to the physical and spiritual needs of others, showing compassion and care. (Matthew 25:34-40, Galatians 6:10)

- **Visiting the Sick:** God loves when we visit and care for the sick, showing empathy and support during times of vulnerability. (Matthew 25:36, James 5:14-16)
- **Clothing the Naked:** God loves when we provide clothing for those in need, showing practical compassion and addressing their basic necessities. (Matthew 25:36)
- **Feeding the Poor:** God loves when we feed the hungry, showing His compassion and generosity to those who are struggling. (Matthew 25:35)
- **Visiting Those in Prison:** God loves when we visit and minister to those who are imprisoned, extending His love and hope to even the marginalized. (Matthew 25:36)
- **Forgiving Others:** God loves when we forgive others, reflecting His own forgiveness towards us. Forgiveness promotes reconciliation and healing. (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13)
- **Bearing One Another's Burdens:** God loves when we help carry the burdens of others, showing empathy and support in times of difficulty. (Galatians 6:2)
- **Seeking Wisdom:** God loves when we seek wisdom from Him, valuing His guidance and understanding. Wisdom is a gift from God. (Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5)
- **Loving Our Enemies:** God loves when we love our enemies, reflecting His radical love and grace. Loving our enemies demonstrates His transformative power in us. (Matthew 5:44-45)
- **Caring for True Widows and Orphans:** God loves when we care for widows and orphans, showing compassion and providing for those who are vulnerable. (James 1:27)
- **Purity and Holiness:** God loves when we pursue purity and holiness in our thoughts, actions, and lifestyles. This reflects our devotion to Him. (1 Peter 1:16, Psalm 24:3-4)
- **Humble and Contrite Hearts:** God loves when we approach Him with humility and contrition, acknowledging our need for His grace and mercy. (Psalm 51:17, Isaiah 66:2)

- **Generosity:** God loves when we are generous and open-handed, willingly sharing what we have with others. Generosity reflects His giving nature. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- **Faithfulness:** God loves when we remain faithful to Him and to our commitments. Faithfulness reflects His own unwavering nature. (Psalm 33:4, 1 Corinthians 4:2)
- **Obedience:** God loves when we obey His commands, demonstrating our love and reverence for Him. Obedience is an expression of our trust in Him. (John 14:23)
- **Repentance:** God loves when we genuinely repent and turn away from our sinful ways. Repentance opens the door to His forgiveness and restoration. (Acts 3:19, 2 Peter 3:9)
- **Unity among Believers:** God loves when His followers are united in love and harmony, reflecting the oneness He desires for His people. (Psalm 133:1, John 17:23)
- **Seeking Justice:** God loves when we seek justice for the oppressed and marginalized, reflecting His concern for the vulnerable. (Micah 6:8, Isaiah 1:17)
- **Honesty and Truthfulness:** God loves when we speak and live truthfully, reflecting His nature as the ultimate Truth. Honesty fosters genuine relationships. (Ephesians 4:25, Psalm 51:6)
- **Meekness and Gentleness:** God loves when we exhibit meekness and gentleness, showing humility and strength under control. These qualities reflect the character of Christ. (Matthew 5:5, Galatians 5:23)
- **Mercy and Compassion:** God loves when we show mercy and compassion to others, reflecting His own boundless mercy toward us. (Luke 6:36, Matthew 5:7)
- **Courage and Boldness:** God loves when we demonstrate courage and boldness in standing for truth and righteousness. These qualities reflect our trust in Him. (Joshua 1:9, Proverbs 28:1)

- **Long-Suffering:** God loves when we exhibit patience and long-suffering, enduring trials and difficulties with grace and endurance. (Galatians 5:22, James 1:3-4)
- **Thanksgiving and Praise:** God loves when we offer sincere thanksgiving and praise to Him, recognizing His goodness and faithfulness. (Psalm 107:1, Hebrews 13:15)
- **Unselfishness and Putting Others First:** God loves when we prioritize the needs and well-being of others above our own desires. This selflessness reflects the heart of Christ. (Philippians 2:3-4, Mark 10:45)
- **Pure Mindedness:** God loves when we cultivate pure thoughts and intentions, focusing on things that are honorable, just, and lovely. (Philippians 4:8, Psalm 19:14)
- **Faith:** God loves when we have faith in Him, trusting His promises and believing in His power to accomplish what He has spoken. (Hebrews 11:6, Romans 4:20-21)
- **Returning to Our First Love:** God loves when we return to our initial fervent love and passion for Him, not allowing our hearts to grow cold or complacent. (Revelation 2:4-5)
- **Rejoicing in Good:** God loves when we rejoice in goodness, righteousness, and the victories of His Kingdom. Our joy in Him honors His work. (Romans 12:9-10, Philippians 4:4)
- **Upholding the Weak:** God loves when we come alongside the weak and vulnerable, providing support and encouragement to those who need it. (1 Thessalonians 5:14, Romans 15:1)
- **Comforting the Feeble Minded:** God loves when we offer comfort and encouragement to those who are struggling mentally or emotionally. Our compassion reflects His heart. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- **Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness:** God loves when we have a deep desire for righteousness and holiness, seeking to live in alignment with His perfect standards. (Matthew 5:6)

- **Patience:** God loves when we exhibit patience in the face of trials and challenges, trusting His timing and purposes. Patience reflects our reliance on Him. (James 1:2-4, Romans 5:3-4)
- **Compassion and Mercy:** God loves when we show compassion and mercy to others, just as He has shown compassion and mercy to us. (Colossians 3:12, Luke 6:36)
- **Honest Work:** God loves when we engage in honest labor and contribute positively to society, reflecting His own faithfulness and creativity. (Ephesians 4:28, Proverbs 14:23)
- **Bearing One Another's Burdens:** God loves when we help carry the burdens of others, sharing in their struggles and demonstrating His love in action. (Galatians 6:2)
- **Forgiving One Another:** God loves when we forgive one another, just as He has forgiven us. Forgiveness reflects His grace and redemption. (Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3:13)
- **Showing Kindness:** God loves when we show kindness and generosity to others, reflecting His own kind and generous nature. (Luke 6:35, Ephesians 4:32)
- **Being Peacemakers:** God loves when we strive for peace and reconciliation, reflecting His desire for unity and harmony. (Matthew 5:9, Romans 12:18)

Conclusion:

The things that God loves reflect His character and nature. His love is both just and merciful, and it is extended to all who respond to Him in humility, obedience, and faith. As we align our lives with what God loves, we experience His blessings, guidance, and transformative power in our journey of faith.

The things that God loves are closely connected to moral character and virtue. As we strive to embody these qualities, we reflect the image of God and bring glory to Him. By aligning our lives with what God loves, we

deepen our relationship with Him and contribute to the well-being of others and society as a whole.

God's love is intertwined with the attributes, divine virtues and actions that reflect His character. By embracing these aspects, we draw closer to Him, grow in our relationship with Him, and become effective vessels of His love to the world. As we love what He loves and walk in His ways, we demonstrate our devotion and bring glory to His name.

As we align our lives with what God loves, we not only experience His favor and blessings, but we also reflect His character and bring glory to His name. God's love is not only about emotions; it's also about the transformation of our hearts and actions. By embracing the things that God loves, we participate in His redemptive work and become vessels of His love to a world in need.

Embracing these moral qualities that God loves not only brings us closer to Him but also allows us to reflect His character to the world around us. God's love is intricately connected to His desire for us to live in alignment with His moral standards and values. By cultivating these traits, we participate in His work of transformation and become vessels through which His love is demonstrated in tangible ways.

Embracing these virtues and actions that God loves enables us to align ourselves with His heart and His desires for His people. As we cultivate these qualities, we not only honor God, but we also contribute to the flourishing of our own lives and the lives of those around us. His desire for us to be instruments of His love and compassion to others in our community and bring His love to a hurting world.

WHO does God Love ?

Under the New Covenant, God's love extends to everyone in the world, regardless of their nationality, ethnicity or social status, to anyone who would believe in and follow Jesus Christ.

God's love is not reserved for the perfect or the deserving but extends to those who come to Him with genuine hearts, seeking His presence and surrendering to His will. It's a love that transforms lives, offering grace, mercy, and hope to all who come into His embrace. God's Love is embodied in Jesus Christ, and only Jesus (Yeshua) fulfilled the Law and that's why when we put our faith in Jesus (Yeshua) He becomes our mediator and Savior and we are reconciled to God the Father (YaHWeH), and abide in His Love.

God's love is vast, encompassing individuals from all walks of life. It is not based on our merit, but on His character and grace. God's love is both all-encompassing and deeply personal, reaching out to each person with an offer of salvation, intimate relationship, and eternal life, to anyone whom would believe in Jesus Christ, and follow Him. God's Love flows freely to those who open their hearts to receive it.

God's love is an invitation to come as you are, to experience His grace, and to find lasting fulfillment in a relationship with Him.

God's love extends to all peoples, tribes, and nations with the invitation for hope of salvation and eternal life which are a free gift given to anyone who desires and believes by faith. The Bible also emphasizes specific groups and individuals whom God loves deeply.

- **All People:** God's love extends His offer of forgiveness and salvation from spiritual death to everlasting life to everyone in the world. This offer transcends nationality, ethnicity, and social status and a person's sinful life (John 3:16). Note; God does not Love those who reject Jesus Christ, and who refuse to repent, and continue in their wickedness.
- **Sinners:** God's love is merciful and is demonstrated by Christ's sacrifice even when we were still in sin. God's love reaches out to sinners, offering forgiveness and a chance for redemption (Romans 5:8) to anyone who repents, believes in and follows Jesus Christ.

- **Believers:** God's love for those who trust in Him is deep and transformative, making us His children (1 John 3:1).
- **The Needy:** God's love is evident in His care for the marginalized, including orphans, widows, and foreigners (Deuteronomy 10:18).
- **The Repentant:** God's love welcomes those who turn to Him in repentance, no matter how far they have strayed (Luke 15:3-7). Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
- **The Brokenhearted:** God's love comforts those who are brokenhearted, offering healing and restoration (Psalm 34:18).
- **The Obedient:** God's love is experienced by those who follow His commandments, reflecting a loving relationship (John 14:21).
- **The Humble:** God's love is drawn to the humble and contrite, those who acknowledge their need for Him (Psalm 51:17).
- **The Seeking:** God's love responds to those who earnestly seek Him, revealing Himself to those who desire to know Him (Jeremiah 29:13).

Matthew 5:3-11

- Those Poor in Spirit
- Those who Mourn
- The Meek
- Those who hunger after righteousness
- The merciful

- The Pure of Heart
- The Peacemakers
- Those who are persecuted for righteousness
- The insulted
- Those who have evil spoken of them because of Jesus
- **The Lost:** God's love pursues those who are lost, seeking to bring them back into His fold (Luke 15:4-7).
- **The Needy:** God's love provides for those in need, caring for the widow, the orphan, and the downtrodden (James 1:27).
- **The Outsiders:** God's love extends to the outsiders and strangers, showing no partiality and embracing all nations (Acts 10:34-35).
- **The Children:** God's love is like that of a parent for their child, tender and protective (Matthew 18:12-14).

All Peoples of All Nations

- **Israel:** God's special love for the nation of Israel highlights His faithfulness and love for His chosen people of the nation of Israel, despite their rebellions and shortcomings. Deuteronomy 7:6-8 explains, "The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession... because the Lord loves you." God's love for Israel is a testament to His faithfulness to His chosen people.
- **The Prodigal Son:** Luke 15:17 to 20 AKJV 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before you, 19 And am no more worthy to be called your son: make me as one of your hired servants. 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.

God's love is all-encompassing, reaching every corner of humanity and beyond. It knows no boundaries, no limits, and it flows freely to those who open their hearts to receive it. God's love is an invitation to come as you are, to receive His grace and forgiveness and to find lasting fulfillment in a relationship with Him.

God Loves those who fear Him with Holy reverence

Scripture: Psalm 103:17 AKJV 17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on them that fear him, and his righteousness to children's children;

Explanation: The covenant love of God is not just for the present generation but extends to future generations. It's a love that spans across time, ensuring that His grace and goodness continue to bless those who honor and reverence Him.

WHO Does God Love? Key Scriptures

- **Romans 5:8 AKJV**, 8 But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (God Loves us while we yet sinners, not so we can continue in sin, but that we might have new life, through His Grace, and saved from the penalty of our sin, and for us to continue to turn away from sin and evil.)
- **John 14:21 AKJV** 21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.
- **John 3:35 AKJV** 35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into his hand.
- **John 3:16 (AKJV)**: 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- **Nehemiah 1:5** (AKJV): 5 And said, I beseech you, O LORD God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments.
- **Psalm 33:18** (AKJV): “Behold, the eye of the LORD is on them that fear him, on them that hope in his mercy.»
- **Psalm 37:28** (AKJV): “For the LORD loves judgment, and forsakes not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.”
- **2 Chronicles 6:14** (AKJV) “And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keeps covenant, and shows mercy to your servants, that walk before you with all their hearts.”
- **Psalm 32:10** (AKJV): “Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusts in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.”
- **Psalm 86:5** (AKJV): “For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy to all them that call on you.”
- **Psalm 103:11** (AKJV): “For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.”
- **Psalm 103:17** (AKJV): “But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on them that fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children.”
- **Psalm 146:8** (AKJV): “The LORD opens the eyes of the blind: the LORD raises them that are bowed down: the LORD loves the righteous.”
- **Psalm 147:11** (AKJV) “The LORD takes pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.”
- **Daniel 9:4** (AKJV): “And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments.”
- **Proverbs 8:17** (AKJV): “I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.”

- **Psalm 146:7 to 9.** AKJV 7 Which executes judgment for the oppressed: which gives food to the hungry. The LORD looses the prisoners: 8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind: the LORD raises them that are bowed down: the LORD loves the righteous: 9 The LORD preserves the strangers; he relieves the fatherless and widow: but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
- **Deuteronomy 10:15** AKJV. 15 Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed (descendants) after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.
- **Deuteronomy 33:3** (AKJV): “Yes, he loved the people; all his saints are in your hand: and they sat down at your feet; every one shall receive of your words.”
- **Deuteronomy 10:18** (AKJV): “He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.”
- **Psalm 47:4** (AKJV): “He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.”
- **Proverbs 15:9** (AKJV): “The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but he loves him that follows after righteousness.”
- **Proverbs 8:17** (AKJV): “I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.”
- **2 Corinthians 9:7** (AKJV): “Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver.”
- **Isaiah 43:4-5** AKJV 4 Since you were precious in my sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you: therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life. 5 Fear not: for I am with you: I will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west;
- **John 16:27** (AKJV): “For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me, and have believed that I came out from

God.”

- **Psalm 78:67 and 68 (AKJV):** “Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph, and chose not the tribe of Ephraim: But chose the tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved.”
- **Psalm 87:2 (AKJV):** “The LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.”
- **Psalm 103:13 (AKJV):** “Like as a father pities his children, so the LORD pities them that fear him.”
- **Psalm 145:9 (AKJV)** “The LORD is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works.”
- **Romans 8:32 (AKJV):** “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”
- **Romans 15:5 (AKJV):** “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus.”
- **Psalm 25:7 (AKJV):** “Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to your mercy remember you me for your goodness’ sake, O LORD.”
- **1 Kings 10:9 (AKJV):** “Blessed be the LORD your God, which delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do judgment and justice.”
- **1 John 3:1 (AKJV):** “Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.”
- **1 John 3:16-18 (AKJV)** “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But whoever has this world’s good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”

- **1 John 4:9-10 (AKJV):** “In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
- **John 17:20 and 26 AKJV** 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 **And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.** 24 Father, I will that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world has not known you: but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. 26 And I have declared to them your name, and will declare it: that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

These verses beautifully illustrate when God loves us and reveal the depth and magnitude of His love towards humanity. They demonstrate that God's love is not based on our merit or actions but is rooted in His nature and character. May these verses encourage and strengthen our faith as we embrace and experience the incredible love of God in our lives.

WHAT does God Love ?

And How does He demonstrates His Love?

Psalm 33:5 (AKJV): “He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.”

Psalm 37:28 (AKJV): “For the LORD loves judgment, and forsakes not his saints; they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.”

Psalm 11:7 (AKJV): “For the righteous LORD loves righteousness; his countenance does behold the upright.”

Psalm 33:5 (AKJV): “He loves righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.”

Psalm 99:4 (AKJV) “The king’s strength also loves judgment; you do establish equity, you execute judgment and righteousness in Jacob.”

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Psalm 25:7 (AKJV): “Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to your mercy remember you me for your goodness’ sake, O LORD.”

Deuteronomy 10:18 (AKJV): “He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.”

Deuteronomy 33:12 AKJV: “And of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him; and the LORD shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.”

God also loves righteousness and justice. Throughout the Scriptures, we find numerous references to God’s delight in righteousness. Psalm 11:7 declares, “For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.” This reveals God’s inherent nature to accomplish what is right and just. He cares deeply about fairness and the well-being of His people, and His love is evident when He works to bring about justice and make things right.

2 Chronicles 9:8 (AKJV): 8 Blessed be the LORD your God, which delighted in you to set you on his throne, to be king for the LORD your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore made he you king over them, to do judgment and justice.

Nehemiah 9:17 (AKJV): 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.

MORE OBSERVATIONS OF GOD’S LOVE...

God’s Loving Kindness -

Psalm 117:1-2 (AKJV): 1 O praise the LORD, all you nations: praise him, all you people. 2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise you the LORD.

Psalm 51:1 & 2 (AKJV): 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness: according to the multitude of your tender mercies blot out

my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Psalm 107:43 (AKJV) 43 Whoever is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the LORD.

Psalm 48:9 (AKJV): 9 We have thought of your loving kindness, O God, in the middle of your temple.

Psalm 103:4 (AKJV): 4 Who redeems your life from destruction; who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Isaiah 54:10 (AKJV); 10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, says the LORD that has mercy on you.

Psalm 63:3 (AKJV): 3 Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

Psalm 69:16 (AKJV): 16 Hear me, O LORD; for your loving kindness is good: turn to me according to the multitude of your tender mercies.

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God's Compassionate and Comforting Love -

Psalm 86:15 (AKJV): 15 But you, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

2 Corinthians 7:6 “ Nevertheless God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus.”

Psalm 145:8 (AKJV): 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

God's Love, Truth and Mercy Endures Forever -

1 Chronicles 16:34 (AKJV): 34 O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:41 (AKJV): 41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endures forever.

2 Chronicles 5:13 (AKJV): 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

2 Chronicles 7:3 (AKJV): 3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever.

2 Chronicles 7:6 (AKJV): 6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endures forever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

2 Chronicles 20:21 (AKJV): 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 100:5 (AKJV): 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endures to all generations.

Psalm 107:1 (AKJV): 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:3 AKJV): 3 Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:4 (AKJV): 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 118:29 (AKJV): 29 O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-26 (AKJV): 1 O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures forever. 2 O give thanks to the God of gods: for his mercy endures forever. 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endures forever. 4 To him who alone does great wonders: for his mercy endures forever. 5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endures forever. 6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endures forever. 7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endures forever. 8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endures forever. 9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endures forever. 10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endures forever. 11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endures forever. 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endures forever. 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endures forever. 14 And made Israel to pass through the middle of it: for his mercy endures forever. 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endures forever. 16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endures forever. 17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endures forever. 18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endures forever. 19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endures forever. 20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endures forever. 21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endures forever. 22 Even an heritage to Israel his servant: for his mercy endures forever. 23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endures

forever. 24 And has redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endures forever. 25 Who gives food to all flesh: for his mercy endures forever. 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven: for his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 138:8 (AKJV): 8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me: your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the works of your own hands.

His Unfailing and Faithfulness Love -

Lamentations 3:22 (AKJV): 22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

1 John 1:9 (AKJV): 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 89:2 (AKJV):

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up forever: your faithfulness shall you establish in the very heavens.

Psalm 89:24 (AKJV): 24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

Psalm 89:33 (AKJV): 33 Nevertheless my loving kindness will I not utterly take from him, nor allow my faithfulness to fail.

God's Forgiving Love-

Psalm 78:38 (AKJV): 38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not: yes, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath.

God's merciful Love -

Psalm 145:8 (AKJV): 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Lamentations 3:32 (AKJV): 32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Exodus 20:6 (AKJV): 6 And showing mercy to thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:10 AKJV): 10 And showing mercy to thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

His Great Love -

Nehemiah 9:17 (AKJV): 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.

2 Chronicles 6:42, Nehemiah 13:22, Psalm 51:1, 57:10, 69:13, 86:13, 89:1, 103:11, 106:45, 108:4, 117:2, Lamentations 3:22, Ephesians 2:4-7

His Covenant of Love -

Matthew 26:26 to 28 (AKJV): 26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink you all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament (Covenant) , which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Isaiah 55:3 (AKJV); 3 Incline your ear, and come to me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.

Isaiah 61:8 (AKJV): 8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

2 Chronicles 6:14 (AKJV): 14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like you in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keeps covenant, and shows mercy to your servants, that walk before you with all their hearts:

Nehemiah 1:5 (AKJV): 5 And said, I beseech you, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, that keeps covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:

Nehemiah 9:32 (AKJV) ; 32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keeps covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble seem little before you, that has come on us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.

Daniel 9:4 (AKJV): 4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and awesome God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments;

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Deuteronomy 7:9 (AKJV): 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Psalm 89:28 (AKJV); 28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever more, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

God's Love for Israel -

2 Chronicles 9:8 (AKJV): 8 Blessed be the LORD your God, which delighted in you to set you on his throne, to be king for the LORD your God: because your God loved Israel, to establish them forever, therefore made he you king over them, to do judgment and justice.

- **God's Everlasting Love** - Jeremiah 31:3
- **God's Enduring and Saving Love** - Isaiah 38:17, John 3:16
- **God's Redeeming Love** - Isaiah 63:9

1 John 3:1-

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

What are the Benefits and Promises, that we receive and grow in as we are Loved by God and Jesus Christ ?

When we are loved by God as His children there are benefits and promises that we receive. Here are just some of them mentioned in the Bible...

To know the Truth

To have our sins forgotten

To have our sins forgiven

To be made Free

To become a child of God

To be brought to complete unity

- **You will Abide in God and Jesus Christ:** According to 1 John 4:13-21 if we abide in God He and Jesus Christ will abide in us creating a connection.
- **You will be Loved by God:** As mentioned in John 3:16 Gods love for the world is so immense that He sacrificed His Son.
- **You can Abide in God's love:** as stated in John 15:9,10 we can experience the fullness of His love just as Jesus experienced the Fathers love.
- **You'll have the ability to love both God and one another:** is an indication of being disciples of Jesus as described in John 13:34,35.
- **You have an Abundant life:** through Jesus coming as stated in John 10:10 we can have life to its extent of being full and complete.
- **Jesus will never forsake or leave you:** Moreover it is comforting to know that Jesus will never forsake or leave us; this assurance is emphasized in Hebrews 13:5.
- **Cleansing, Spiritual:** John 15;3 (AKJV) “Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you.”
- **Comfort:** Isaiah 51;3 (AKJV) “For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.”
- **Deliverance:** 2 Timothy 4;18 AKJV “And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me to his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

- **Everlasting, Eternal Life:** John 3:16, “Shall not face destruction but inherit life that lasts forever.
- **Good Spiritual Fruitfulness:** John 15:4 to 5 AKJV “4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.”
- **Born again of Spirit:** John 3:3 to 6 (AKJV) “3 Jesus answered and said to him, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus said to him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”
- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 12:1 to 8 (AKJV) “1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I would not have you ignorant. 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, even as you were led. 3 Why I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;”
- **Gift of prophesying:** Romans 12:6 (AKJV) “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;”

- **Seek Divine Wisdom:** James 1:5 (AKJV) “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally, and upbraides not; and it shall be given him.” 2 Timothy 3:15, Psalm 119:98
- **Attain Understanding:** Psalm 119:104 AKJV “Through your precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.”
- **Find Rest:** Hebrews 4:9 (AKJV) “There remains therefore a rest to the people of God.” Hebrews 4:11 (AKJV) “Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.”
- **Experience Joy:** Isaiah 35:10 AKJV “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy on their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”
- **Inner Spiritual Peace:** John 14:27 (AKJV) “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”
- **Divine Protection and Security:** 2 Samuel 22:31 (AKJV) “As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.”
- **God’s Provision for All of our Needs:** Philippians 4:19 AKJV “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” Matthew 6:25-34
- **Brings Delight and Counsel:** Psalm 119:24 (AKJV) “Your testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.”
- **You have the potential to accomplish great things:** John 14:12 (AKJV) “Truly, truly, I say to you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father.”
- **God will help us to grow spiritually and mature:** 1 Peter 2:2 AKJV “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

- **Ask God whatever is God's Will and it will be done for you:** When you remain connected to God and His teachings you can ask for anything, according to God's will, It will be granted. John 15:7-8 AKJV “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples.”
- **You'll find it possible to love and forgive everyone:** Colossians 3:13 AKJV “Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you.”
- **Find strength through Gods empowerment:** Philippians 4:13 AKJV “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.”
- **You can receive an eternal place in Heaven:** John 14:1 to 3 AKJV “Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.”
- **You and others can receive physical healings:** Matthew 9:2 AKJV “And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said to the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; your sins be forgiven you.” Mark 2:5, Matthew 9:29
- **You can receive spiritual healing and restoration:** Hosea 6:1 AKJV “Come, and let us return to the LORD: for he has torn, and he will heal us; he has smitten, and he will bind us up.”
- **You can know the Truth and the Truth will make you free:** John 8:31 & 32 AKJV “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word, then are you my

disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

- **All of your sins will be forgiven:** You have the opportunity, for forgiveness of your sins.1 John 1:9 AKJV “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- **You can receive God’s righteousness:** Romans 5:17 AKJV “For if by one man’s offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.”
- **You will be rewarded with the crown of life:** James 1:12 AKJV, “Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.”
- **You will receive Guidance for your life:** Proverbs 3:6 AKJV “In all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.”
- **God will appoint angels to watch over you:** Luke 4:10 and Psalm 91:11 affirm Luke 4:10 AKJV “For it is written, ‘He will command His angels to protect you.’”
- **Hope awaits you:** Hebrews 6:18&19 assures us that; Hebrews 6:18,19 AKJV “18 That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold on the hope set before us: 19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.”
- **The precepts of the LORD and His love brings joy to our hearts:** Psalm 19:8 AKJV declares “The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.”
- **God’s law, and love restores our soul and imparts wisdom to those knowledge:** Psalm 19:7 AKJV Proclaims, ”The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”

- **God gives you Grace through Faith, it is a gift from God:** Ephesians 2:8 AKJV states, "For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."
- **You can prosper and have success in life:** The verses, in the Bible such as Joshua 1:8 remind us that when we keep the Book of the Law close to our hearts and continuously reflect on it we become more mindful of following its teachings. This leads to prosperity and success in our lives.
- **God will imprint His laws upon your heart:** According to Hebrews 10:16 God promises that He will imprint His laws on our hearts and engrave them in our minds as part of His covenant with us. This shows His desire for us to internalize His teachings and live by them.
- **God will no longer remember our sins and the evil that we have done:** Jeremiah 31:33,34 highlights the grace of God by assuring us that He forgives our wickedness and chooses not to remember our sins. This provides a sense of comfort and reassurance knowing that Gods mercy surpasses any wrongdoing we may have committed.
- **God will keep our way pure and keeps us from sin:** In Psalm 119:9,11 we learn about the importance of living according to Gods word in order to maintain purity. By storing His word within our hearts we equip ourselves with a shield against falling into temptation or straying from the righteous path.
- **God will comfort us during our sufferings:** Psalm 119:50 emphasizes how Gods promises bring solace during times of suffering. The knowledge that His word preserves and sustains us becomes a source of comfort when facing afflictions.
- **God provides warnings and gives rewards:** Psalm 19:11 reminds us that through obedience to God's commandments comes both guidance and great rewards. By heeding these warnings embedded within His teachings we can experience blessings bestowed upon those who faithfully follow Him.

- **God's keeps us from stumbling:** Keeps us from losing our way. Psalm 37:31, "Their hearts are filled with the teachings of their God ensuring that they stay on the path without stumbling."
- **God will sustain our well being:** Matthew 4:4 (AKJV); 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.
- **God gives guidance and safeguards our lives:** Proverbs 6:22 (AKJV): 22 When you go, it shall lead you; when you sleep, it shall keep you; and when you awake, it shall talk with you.
- **God will strengthen your character:** Acts 20:32 AKJV): 32 And now, brothers, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.
- **Many will come to believe as we pray:** John 17:20 (AKJV); 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.
- **Instills hope in us and encouragement:** Romans 15:4 (AKJV): 4 For whatever things were written previously were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.
- **When two or three people come together in the name of Jesus He will be present, with them:** Matthew 18:20 (AKJV): 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them.
- **Whatever you declare or establish on earth will also be acknowledged and established in heaven:** Matthew 18:18 (AKJV): 18 Truly I say to you, Whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.
- **A significant reward is waiting for you in heaven:** Matthew 5;1 to 12 (AKJV):
 1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came to him:

2. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- **Triumph, Victory, Overcoming the World:** 1 John 5:4 (AKJV): 4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world: and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.
- **Treasures in Heaven:** Matthew 6:19 to 21 Teaches us to focus on storing treasures in heaven, where they're safe from destruction and theft unlike possessions susceptible to decay. When we love God and do His will, we will be blessed with spiritual treasures.
- **New life and an inheritance:** In 1 Peter 1:3,4 we are reminded of God's mercy, which grants us a life filled with hope through Jesus Christ's resurrection. This new life also comes with an inheritance that's imperishable, unspoiled and everlasting.

- **Our Prayers will be heard by God:** The assurance expressed in 1 John 5:14 instills confidence within us when approaching God. We can trust that our prayers will be heard if aligned with His will.
- **We'll know God and Jesus Christ:** John 17:3 teaches that eternal life is found in knowing the one God and His Son, Jesus Christ. This knowledge brings meaning and purpose to our existence.
- **Doors will open, as we seek God and Love Him:** Matthew 7:7,8 encourages us to seek answers for it is through asking, seeking and knocking that doors of understanding are opened to us.
- **God will remain Faithful:** Let us remember that God remains faithful at all times. As mentioned in 1 Corinthians 1:9 He has called us into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Remains steadfast, in His faithfulness.
- **Receive the forgiveness of God:** According to Matthew 6:14,15 if you choose to forgive others when they wrong you, your heavenly Father will also grant you forgiveness.
- **Jesus will come to you:** The return of Jesus is promised. In both Matthew 6:14-15 and John 14:18 Jesus assures his followers that he will not leave them alone like orphans but instead will come back to be, with them.
- **Jesus has prepared a place for us and will bring us with Him:** As mentioned in Matthew 6:14,15 and John 14:1-4 Jesus comforts his disciples by telling them not to worry or be troubled. He assures them that in his Fathers house there are rooms and he is going there to prepare a place, for each one of them.
- **God promises a New Heaven and a New Earth:** The book of Revelation (Chapter 21) describes the vision of John where he sees a heaven and earth as the first heaven and earth have passed away.

- **God will wipe away all tears:** In Revelation 21:1-4 it is written that God will lovingly wipe away every tear from peoples eyes. There shall be no death, mourning, crying or pain as the old order of things has ceased to exist.
- **No more sorrow, no more pain, no more crying:** The passage, in Revelation 21:1-4 assures us that in the future there will be no sorrow, pain or death. It speaks of a time when God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and the old order of things will be gone.
- **God will crush satan:** Romans 16:20 conveys the message that God, who is the source of peace will soon overcome Satan completely. It also ends with a prayer for the grace of our Lord Jesus to be with us.
- **We can lose our old life and receive a new and better life in Jesus:** Matthew 10:39 teaches us that when we let go of our carnal desires and give ourselves fully to Jesus, we will find and gain new life. Those who cling to their lives, will ultimately lose it. Those who surrender their old lives for His sake will find new life in Him.
- **Your spirit will never thirst again:** In John 4:14 Jesus promises that anyone who drinks from the water He provides will never thirst again. This water becomes like a wellspring within them —bestowing life and satisfaction beyond measure.
- **All things will work for Good for you:** Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works all things together for good in the lives of those who genuinely love Him. This means that amidst challenges or difficulties there is a purpose and divine plan at work, for our benefit.
- **No Temptation will be insurmountable:** 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us that no temptation we face is unique or insurmountable. Gods faithfulness ensures that He always provides a way out so we won't be overwhelmed by temptation.

And God remains faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond your capacity to endure.

- **God's grace will more, then enough for you:** 2 Corinthians 12:9 “The grace I offer you is all you need; my power is made perfect in weakness.”
- **Receive Jesus' grace, power, and strength:** His power reaches its potential, through His Grace, when we are weak 2 Corinthians 12:9; “The grace I provide is sufficient for you as my strength is made perfect when you are at your weakest.”
- **Jesus promises not to abandon us like orphans:** John 14:18 “I will never leave you alone like orphans; I will come to be with you.”
- **We can be saved from Hell, the penalty of our sins:** Jesus was sent to save, not to judge the world. John 3:17 “For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it but to rescue and save it through him.”
- **Transitioned from death to life:** We can be certain that we have transitioned from death to life because of our love for one another. 1 John 3:14 “We can be sure that we have moved from a state of death into life because of the genuine love we have, for each other.”
- **God disciplines those he loves:** Hebrews 12:6 “Because God loves us he corrects and guides those who belong to him; he trains everyone whom he accepts as his children.”
- **Enduring Gods discipline leads to a harvest of righteousness:** Hebrews 12:11 ”Though discipline may seem difficult at first it eventually yields a harvest of righteousness and inner peace for those who are trained by it.”
- **Forgiveness and Healing:** The Lord is willing to forgive all your sins and bring healing to all your diseases. Psalm 103:3 says, “He is the one who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases.”
- **We are saved by grace:** Ephesians 2:8 9 states “For it is, by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not

because of anything you did or earned. It is a gift from God. This way no one can boast about their efforts.”

- **Our sins will be forgiven and we will be cleansed:** If we admit our sins God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 explains, “If we confess our sins to Him He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.»
- **The Lord grants wisdom; knowledge and understanding come from Him.:** Proverbs 2:6 teaches that “the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.”
- **God will give you His Wisdom, not earthly wisdom:** “If anyone lacks wisdom they should ask God, who generously gives without regret...” James 1:5,6 assures us that if any of you lacks wisdom you should ask God for it in prayer and He’ll gives generously to all without regret and It will be given to you, but when you ask believe for the God’s Wisdom in faith.
- **God’s peace surpasses understanding; it guards our hearts in Christ Jesus.:** Philippians 4:7 reveals the promise of “the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” Guarding your heart and mind against all evil and temptation.
- **God comforts us in every trouble, with His compassion:** We praise the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ as stated in 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 for being the Father of compassion who comforts us in every trouble we face.
- **God gives us Eternal Life:** John 3:16 “For God loved the world much that He gave His one and only Son, so that anyone who believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.” In the kingdom of God.
- **God give us Salvation from an eternal Hell:** Romans 10:9 “If you openly confess that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved.”

- **Born again:** John 3:3; "Truly I tell you no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they experience a rebirth."
- **Redemption:** Ephesians 1:7, "In Him we find redemption through His blood, which forgives our sins according to the grace of God."
- **Deliverance:** Psalm 34:17, "When the righteous cry out, for help the Lord hears them. Rescues them from all their troubles."
- **Sanctification:** 1 Thessalonians 4:3, "It is God's desire for you to live a life set apart for Him."
- **Regeneration.** Titus 3:5 "He saved us not because of our righteousness. Because of His mercy. He renewed us by washing away our sins through the Holy Spirit." To experience the presence of God's Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:38 Peter responded by saying, "Turn from your sins and be baptized each one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your wrongdoings.. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- **God gives us Security in Jesus Christ:** Regarding our security in God's love as mentioned in Romans 8:38,39 "I firmly believe that neither death nor life neither angels nor demons neither present circumstances nor future uncertainties nor any powers or forces whatsoever—neither heights nor depths or anything else in all creation—can ever separate us from the love that God has for us through Christ Jesus our Lord."
- **Fellowship:** 1 John 1:3 "We share with you what we have witnessed and experienced so that you can join us in fellowship. Our fellowship is, with the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ."
- **God will Care for you:** 1 Peter 5:7 "Unload all your worries onto Him because He genuinely cares for you."
- **Provision:** Philippians 4:19 ". My God will supply all your needs according to His riches found in Christ Jesus."

- **Sound Mind:** 2 Timothy 1:7 “For the Spirit God has given us doesn’t make us fearful; instead it empowers us with love, self control and courage.”
- **More than conquerors:** Romans 8:37 to 39 AKJV “ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **Eternal Inheritance:** 1 Peter 1:3&4 AKJV 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy has begotten us again to a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fades not away, reserved in heaven for you,
- **Guidance and Wisdom:** James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom don’t hesitate to seek it from God. He is generous in giving wisdom to all without judgment or blame. Rest assured, when you ask for wisdom you will receive it.”
- **Restored Relationships;** Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and compassionate towards one another forgiving each other just as God forgave us through Christs example.”
- **Boldness and Confidence:** Hebrews 4:16 “Let us approach Gods throne of grace confidently so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in times of need.”
- **Awareness and protection from teachers and false Christs:** Matthew 24:24-25

AKJV 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. 25 Behold, I have told you before.

- Matthew 7:15 “Stay vigilant, against those who disguise themselves as sheep but are actually wolves seeking to harm.”
- **You will receive the stability of Hope:** “Hope is, like an anchor for the soul providing stability and security”. Hebrews 6:19
- **You will be blessed with God’s Fruit of the Spirit:** “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control.” Galatians 5:22-23
- **Your life becomes a new creation:** “...if anyone is in Christ they become a new creation; the old things are gone and everything becomes new.” 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **God will give you a purpose, plans to prosper, a hope and a future:** - Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- **Jesus will protect you from evil, and give you eternal security:** John 10:28 Jesus said, “I give them eternal life, and none of them will ever perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand.”
- **Abundant Life;** Jesus declares in John 10:10 I (Jesus) have come so that people may experience life in abundance. The thief’s (satan) purpose is to steal, kill and destroy.
- **Rest assured that Jesus is always with you:** Rest assured that I am always with you, until the end of time. Entrance, to the Kingdom of God. Matthew 25:34 “Then the King will invite those on his right saying, ‘Come, you who have received blessings from my Father; inherit the kingdom that has been prepared for you since the beginning of time.’”
- **Triumph over Death:** 1 Corinthians 15:55 to 57 AKJV 55 O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **God's promises and blessings:** Genesis 12:2&3 AKJV 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.
- **Finding strength in times:** Romans 8:28 AKJV; 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- **Rebirth and eternal happiness:** Isaiah 35;10 AKJV 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy on their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.
- **Inheriting all things:** Revelation 21:7 “Those who triumph over challenges shall inherit everything with God as their protector and guide forming a relationship to being His cherished children.”
- **Steadfast Love:** Hebrews 13:5 “Make sure to prioritize contentment and not be consumed by the pursuit of wealth for God will never abandon or forsake you.”
- **Victory over Temptation;** 1 Corinthians 10:13 AKJV, 13 There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- **Godly Counsel and Guidance:** Proverbs 6:22 “As you navigate through life trust that godly wisdom will guide your steps protect you even while you sleep and speak to your heart when you wake.”
- **Fellowship with Believers:** Matthew 18:20, AKJV 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the middle of them.
- **Hope and Future;** Jeremiah 29;11 AKJV 11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, said the LORD, thoughts of

peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end (Hope and a future).

- **Empowered by the Holy Spirit:** is emphasized in Acts 1:8 “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you you will receive power. You will bear witness to me in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and, to the corners of the earth.”
- **Certainty of Salvation:** 1 John 5:13 AKJV, 13 These things have I written to you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe on the name of the Son of God.
- **Confidence: in Prayer;** 1 John 5:14 AKJV, And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us:
- **God will give you growth and maturity in Him;** 1 Peter 2:2- AKJV, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby: 3 If so be you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.
- **Divine Guidance:** Proverbs 36 “In all your endeavors surrender to Him and He will guide your path straight and true.”
- **God will equip you to be truly successful in Him;** Joshua 1:8 , AKJV 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.
- **God will give you Courage:** 2 Timothy 1:7 “The Spirit bestowed upon us by God doesn’t make us timid but powers us with love, self discipline and strength.”
- **Confidence, in Challenging Times:** Romans 8:28 “We are aware that God works for the benefit of those who love and adore Him and are called according to His purpose in all circumstances.”

- **God will Develop your Character:** Romans 5:3 & 4 AKJV 3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation works patience; 4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- **You will Triumph and have security in Christ;** Romans 8:37 to 39 AKJV 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **You won't have self condemnation:** Romans 8:1 “Therefore there is no longer any condemnation, for those who are united with Jesus Christ.”
- **God will give you Strength even in your weakness:** 2 Corinthians 12:9 AKJV, 9 And he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest on me.
- **You will become Co-Heirs in the Glory of Christ;** Romans 8:17 AKJV, 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.
- **Abundant Life in Jesus;** John 10:10, AKJV 10 The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.
- **Restoration and Renewal;** Revelation 21:4 AKJV; 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
- **You will receive the right to be a child of God:** John 1:12 AKJV, 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power

to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

- **God's Holy Spirit will teach you all things:** and will help us remember Jesus teachings. John 14:26 “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”
- **You can receive a righteous person's reward:** Matthew 10:41 AKJV 41 He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.

Those were just some of blessings and benefits that demonstrate the extent of God's affection and concern, for His children, of which we can receive because of God's great love. They enrich our lives with purpose, hope and everlasting significance.

WHAT are the some of the Blessings & Benefits to be Loved by God and Jesus Christ ? Continued...

Romans 8:37 to 39 (AKJV): «37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1 John 3:1 (AKJV): “Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.”

1 John 4:7 (AKJV): “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.”

Nehemiah 9:17 (AKJV): “And refused to obey, neither were mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.”

Jeremiah 31:3 (AKJV): “The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.”

Deuteronomy 7:7&8 (AKJV): “7 The LORD did not set his love on you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people: 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn to your fathers, has the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.”

Deuteronomy 7:13 AKJV: “And he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you: he will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your corn, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you.”

Psalm 63:3 (AKJV): “Because your loving kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.”

Deuteronomy 10:18&19 (AKJV): “18 He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love you therefore the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

Psalm 147:3 (AKJV): “He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.”

Deuteronomy 10:18 (AKJV): “He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment.”

Psalm 145:8 (AKJV - “The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.”

Ephesians 2:4, AKJV): “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us.”

2 Thessalonians 2:16and17 (AKJV): “16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 Comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.”

Hebrews 12:6 (AKJV): “For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.”

Proverbs 3:12 (AKJV); “For whom the LORD loves he corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights.»

John 17:20 to 26 AKJV 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 **I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me.** 24 Father, I will that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world has not known you: **but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me.** 26 **And I have declared to them your name, and will declare it: that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.**

2 Corinthians 1:3 to 7 AKJV “ 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are

comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.'

Galatians 2:20 AKJV 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me

WHEN Does God Love?

God's Love is timeless, constant, steadfast, limitless, inseparable

God Loves at all times, actually beyond time itself as we know it, because our God who is Love, had no beginning or has no end, He is Alpha and Omega.

Sometimes we may not feel God's Love or that God doesn't Love us by the circumstances that surround us or that we we encounter; On the contrary God is there and His Love is for us, even when satanic powers try to rob, steal and destroy our lives.

It is especially in these difficult times that God loves us and He is working out a perfect solution to the problems and issues that we face or are going through, sometimes far beyond ourselves. God's Love works everything for good for those who Love Him. (Romans 8:28)

The God the Father's love in Christ Jesus our Lord is timeless and inseparable

Romans 8:38 & 39 AKJV 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

When Jesus Christ is our Lord, God's Love is timeless because Jesus while never forsake us as believers and followers of Jesus Christ

God's Word assures us that He'll never leave us or forsake us (Deuteronomy 31:6, Hebrews 13:5

Psalms 42:8 AKJV 8 Yet the LORD will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer to the God of my life.

God's love for us is not bound by time, circumstances, or our actions. It's a constant and unwavering presence that encompasses every moment of our lives. Understanding when God loves us involves recognizing that His love is not limited by specific situations. Rather, God's love is eternal and steadfast, always ready to embrace us in every season, especially in our most difficult times.

In times of joy and success, God's love surrounds us as a source of celebration and affirmation. When we experience blessings and triumphs, we are reminded of His goodness and provision. Scripture affirms this in passages like Romans 8:37-39, where Paul assures us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. In moments of achievement and happiness, we experience God's love as a comforting presence, reminding us that He delights in our well-being.

In times of struggle, pain, and adversity, God's love remains steadfast. When we face challenges, losses, or uncertainties, God's love becomes a source of strength and comfort. Psalm 34:18 reassures us that God is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. His love provides solace, reminding us that we are not alone in our difficulties. The apostle Paul shares his own experience of God's love in times of weakness in 2 Corinthians 12:9, when he says that God's power is made perfect in weakness.

Even in moments when we may feel distant from God due to our own actions or choices, His love remains constant. The story of the prodigal son

in Luke 15:11-32 illustrates this perfectly. Despite the son's rebellion and wandering, the father's love welcomes him back with open arms when he returns. This parable exemplifies that God's love is ready to embrace us when we turn back to Him, no matter how far we may have strayed.

In our daily lives, God's love is a guiding force that influences our decisions, relationships, and interactions. It prompts us to show compassion, forgiveness, and kindness to others, as we reflect the love we have received from Him. When we extend love to our fellow human beings, we are embodying the essence of God's love, which He reveals to us in the life of Jesus Christ throughout the Scriptures and through the Holy Spirit.

Ultimately, when God loves us is not confined to specific moments, but it encompasses every second of our existence. His love is an eternal and unchanging reality that shapes our identity, purpose, and destiny. Whether in times of joy, sorrow, success, or failure, God's love is an anchor that remains constant, assuring us of His presence, care, and grace.

God's love for every believer and follower of God is a constant and personal that has been evident since the beginning of creation. From the moment He formed humanity in His image, His love has been woven into the fabric of our existence. Scripture reminds us that even before we were born, God knew and loved us (Psalm 139:13-16).

God's love is not confined to a particular time of day or night; it envelops us throughout every moment of our lives. Whether we are awake or asleep, His love is unceasing, providing us with a sense of security and assurance. David beautifully captures this truth in Psalm 139:18 when he says, "When I awake, I am still with you."

One of the most remarkable aspects of God's love is that it extends to us even when we don't deserve it or when we've sinned. In Romans 5:8, the apostle Paul underscores this truth: "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This displays

the depth of His love – that He would sacrifice His Son for us even when we were separated from Him by our sinful nature.

God's lovingkindness is a powerful divine virtue that draws us back to Him. Even in our moments of weakness and failure, His love is relentless. Romans 2:4 tells us that it's God's Loving kindness that leads us to repentance. In times of trouble, when we're faced with challenges and uncertainties, His love provides us with comfort and strength. Psalm 46:1 reminds us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

God's love isn't limited to specific seasons, or the circumstances of our lives. Whether we're experiencing success or failure, His love remains steadfast. In times of victory, we're reminded that every good thing comes from His hand, and we can offer thanks and praise for His unfailing love. Even in our failures, His love remains a source of hope and restoration, inviting us to turn to Him for grace and forgiveness.

Furthermore, God's love isn't merely of external nature that surrounds us; God's Love resides within us through the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:5 says, "And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us." This indwelling love empowers us to love others as Christ loved us and draws us into a deeper relationship with Him.

In summary, God's love for every believer and follower is an ongoing, unwavering reality. It has been present since the beginning of time and accompanies us throughout every aspect of our lives. It embraces us day and night, even when we fall short or face challenges. His love beckons us to turn to Him, leads us to repentance, offers comfort in trials, and remains constant through every season of our lives. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, His love is not only around us but abides within us, transforming us into vessels of His love to the world.

These Scriptures depict various instances when God's love was personally expressed to us, assuring us of His affection and unbreakable

bond with His people. The passages highlight God's commitment to us.

Jeremiah 31:3 AKJV; 3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.

Psalm 136:26 (AKJV): 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven, for his mercy endures forever.

Deuteronomy 10:15 (AKJV): 15 Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day.

1 Kings 10:9 (AKJV): 9 Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore made he you king, to do judgment and justice.

1 John 4:16 (AKJV): 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love, and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.

Zephaniah 3:17 AKJV): 17 The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing.

Isaiah 43:4 (AKJV); 4 Since you were precious in my sight, you have been honorable, and I have loved you: therefore will I give men for you, and people for your life.

Romans 5:8 (AKJV): 8 But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:4&5 (AKJV): 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, (by grace you are saved).

1 John 4:9-10 (AKJV): 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we

might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

John 3:16 (AKJV): 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Romans 8:38-39 (AKJV): 38 For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 16:27 (AKJV); 27 For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came out from God.

1 Peter 1:8 (AKJV): 8 Whom having not seen, you love; in whom, though now you see him not, yet believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Romans 5:5 (AKJV): 5 And hope makes not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us.

Zephaniah 3:17 (AKJV): 17 The LORD your God in the middle of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over you with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over you with singing.

God's love is a constant focus throughout the Bible, reminding us that His love is not confined to a specific time or circumstance. It spans from the past to the present and into the future, reflecting His eternal nature. His love has been demonstrated through the ages, from creation to the cross, and continues to be poured out on us daily, and forever; Whether through His interactions with individuals in the Bible or His sacrificial act of sending Jesus, God's love & the Holy Spirit shapes our lives and draws us into a deeper relationship with Him, through Jesus Christ.

**WHY does God have love, for us?
To Reveal the One True God and the Essence of Love;**

Scriptures; 1 John 4:9,10, John 3:16, John 14:6

Explanation; There are many are reasons behind God's love for us. One of them is to reveal His nature and to demonstrate the meaning of genuine love. Through His affection and love towards us, God unveils who He is, His character, compassion and selflessness. He shows us what love truly encompasses, far beyond the world's limited conceptions. The life of Jesus Christ serves as highest pattern or example of God's love. In Jesus, we see the embodiment of God's love and the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit; God the Father abides in Jesus, and Jesus abides in the Father, as one.

His sacrificial death on the cross, in humility lying down His life for us, His unwavering grace, mercy and forgiveness along with His transformative power illustrate the depths of the greatest love of all.

Jesus walked in true Love, everything that He said, and did, was given in Love, holiness, purity, Truth, and righteousness.

This divine revelation stands in contrast, to the self centered versions of love often seen in society. By loving us in such a way God not only reveals His true nature but also invites us to receive His love, unmerited by us and partake in this transformative and boundless love. The life and teachings of Jesus act as a guiding light that rightly divides man's misconceptions of love from the surpassing Truth of God's love, and helps us to distinguish between the world's limited understanding of what love is and What God's divine Love really is, and who God truly is.

God reveals the truth, about love through His Son providing us with the opportunity to embrace and partake in this love that surpasses human comprehension.

It is His nature and in His Character;

Scriptures: 1 John 4:8, 1 John 4:16, Jeremiah 31:3

Explanation: one of the reasons for Gods love towards us lies within His essence and character. The Scriptures state that “God is love” (1 John 4:8) emphasizing that love is not a quality that He just possesses but rather an intrinsic nature of who He is. This divine love is unmerited, unwavering and all encompassing. It goes beyond emotions defining His core identity. Even before we knew Him God loved us as evidenced in passages such as Jeremiah 31:3. His love emanates from His heart. Represents selfless affection that seeks our well being, redemption and intimate connection with Him. The nature and character of God serve as the bedrock of His affection towards us demonstrating His care and fondness for all creation.

It is His Purpose and Reason for His Creation ;

Scriptures: Genesis 1:26,27, Ephesians 2:17, Psalm 139:14

Explanation: The act of creation serves as a testament, to Gods love according to Scripture (.God created us in His image giving us value and a unique purpose. His love is fundamental, to our existence and reason for being. Gods love for us is rooted in His desire to create beings who reflect His image with the intention of experiencing and knowing His love. In addition to this purpose He has also endowed us with qualities that mirror His creativity, intelligence and moral capacity.

The reason why God loves both the people of Israel and all of us is not because of our greatness or our appearances or strength. Instead Gods love is based on knowing our hearts

Moreover Gods unwavering faithfulness and commitment towards us are demonstrated through His fulfillment of promises. This aspect of Gods nature serves as a testament to the depth of His love for us.

Because of God’s Oath Keeping Nature:

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:7,8 “The Lord did not choose you because you were numerous or superior to nations; in fact you were the fewest among all peoples. It was solely because the Lord loved you and remained

faithful to the oath He made with your ancestors that He rescued you from slavery under Pharaoh's rule in Egypt."

Explanation: In summary God's affection for the people of Israel or choosing any people from around the world, is not because any are more superior to any other nation but rather solely because God loved us. God's love was first for His chosen people the Israelites, but because the Jews were hardhearted, God extended His love also to us, the gentiles. Furthermore God consistently demonstrates His unwavering commitment through fulfilling the promises that He has made.

God's oaths are faithful, true and dependable, unlike the unkept promises that people sometimes make, falter or never keep.

God is faithful to fulfill His promises, ensuring that His word remains true. In the context of His love for us, God's oath keeping nature reassures us that His Love is not contingent on our own worthiness or greatness. His love is not based on our merits or achievements: Rather it stems from His divine nature, This means that even in our shortcomings, God's love remains steadfast and unshaken.

A remarkable example of God's commitment to keeping His promises can be seen in the covenant He made with Abraham as recorded in Genesis 22:16-18. God made an oath to bless Abraham and his descendants. This promise was ultimately fulfilled centuries later through the arrival of Jesus Christ, who brought salvation to people from all nations.

The unwavering nature of God's love demonstrated through His faithfulness to keep His oaths provides us with a foundation for our faith and trust in Him. It assures us that His love is constant, reliable and unchanging. We find comfort in knowing that God's love is not dependent on our performance but rather, on His commitments. Regardless of our circumstances we are reminded that we are loved because of who He's not because of anything we have done.

Because God's Love is freely given and is Unmerited, Unearned by us

Scriptures: Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4 5

Explanation: The love of God is not based on our deserving it. Despite our fallen nature and rebellion He loves us without conditions. His love remains unwavering when we don't deserve it. God loves us to help us understand the meaning of love.

To Honor and Glorify God

Scriptures: Psalm 34:3, 1 Peter 2:9

Explanation: One of the reasons why God loves us, is that as He loves us, we in turn learn How to Love, and we can truly love Him and one another; This gives us the incredible privilege of honoring and glorifying God in His presence. Our voluntary acts of worship praise and gratitude are offerings, from our willful hearts and minds. They bring immense glory to God. As we choose to acknowledge His goodness, grace and authority we reflect His splendor to the world— like a mirror reflecting light. Our worship acts as a window through which others can see His attributes leading them to recognize His greatness. This partnership in magnifying and glorifying God reveals the depth of His love for us as He invites us to participate in amplifying His glory.

God wants a Holy intimate relationship with us;

Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:3, 1 John 4:16

Explanation: Gods love extends towards establishing an intimate relationship, with us.

Gods love is an invitation for us to connect with Him on a level and experience His presence. It is a love that seeks to deepen our understanding of His character. It encourages us to grow in compassion.

God's Compassion for us:

Scripture: Psalm 103:13

Explanation: the Scriptures compare Gods compassion to that of a loving father, towards his children. Just as a father shows tenderness and care towards his ones the Lord extends His mercy and compassion to those who hold Him in reverence.

Additionally Psalm 145:9 highlights Gods goodness and universal compassion. His love knows no boundaries and encompasses all of His creation. He showers kindness and mercy upon everything He has made displaying His care, for every living being.

These verses remind us of Gods loving nature – understanding, forgiving, patient – like a parent who extends unwavering love, kindness and grace to their children.

To know God's Sacrificial Love

Scripture: Romans 8:32. “He who did not withhold his Son but gave him up for us all how will he not, with him graciously give us all things?”

Explanation: God the Father and Jesus loves us with His sacrificial, selfless Love, to redeem us and so we would know and understand more How to love one another.

This passage beautifully emphasizes the depth of Gods love for humanity. It showcases the extent to which God demonstrated His love by offering His own Son, Jesus Christ as a sacrifice for our sins. Through Christs death and resurrection God extends the opportunity for redemption and salvation to all of us. The verse assures us that if God has already bestowed upon us the gift of His Son then He will undoubtedly provide for our every need with grace. This sacrificial and generous love, from God ensures that we are nurtured and blessed in every aspect of our lives.

To truly understand the nature of love we must embrace the concept of selflessness. Extend a helping hand to others. The epitome of love lies in our willingness to set aside our interests and make sacrifices for those we hold dear.

To come to know God's Greater Love:

Scripture: John 15:13 “ There is no greater love than to lay down one's life one's life for his friends”

Explanation:

Jesus imparts a message, about the essence of love specifically highlighting its sacrificial qualities. The verse states; “There is no love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.” This teaching from Jesus to His disciples carries moral significance.

1. **Self-Sacrifice:** This verse emphasizes the act of love which involves sacrificing ones life for another person. It goes beyond words or emotions reflecting a level of care and concern. It embodies a readiness to make the sacrifice, for someone Well being or benefit.
2. **To be a Friend of Jesus:** Jesus uses the term “friends” in this passage to underscore the importance of friendship and caring for one another. This notion extends beyond friendships. Encompasses a deeper sense of spiritual kinship and brotherhood.
3. **Jesus serves as the ultimate example of Love;** Jesus himself embodies this kind of love to the extent. He eventually laid down his life on the cross to redeem humanity demonstrating the expression of love through his sacrifice.
4. **Teaching us about Love;** Jesus uses this teaching to emphasize the kind of love he desires his followers to display. He urges them to selflessly love one another just as he loves them. This idea of love lies at the core of ethics and has guided countless individuals throughout history.

In Summary, John 15;13 makes a statement, about the depth and essence of love by illustrating it through self sacrifice for friends. It highlights Jesus own love instructs his disciples on the type of love he wants

them to exhibit and underscores the significance of genuine selfless love in believers lives.

Chosen for God's Purposes

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 1:4 ,5

Explanation; Gods love is personal and individualized. He intimately knows us. Has chosen us for His purposes. His love is characterized by engagement and concern for each one of us. He knows us uniquely. Has selected us with a purpose, in mind.

This demonstrates His love. Care for each of His children reaffirming the importance of reflecting His glory and character.

To Reflect God's Glory and Character:

Scripture: Isaiah 43:7, 2 Corinthians 3:18

Explanation; God created us with the intention that we reflect His glory and character. As beings made in His image we are meant to mirror His qualities and embody His love, righteousness and grace.

It is His Joy and Delight:

Scripture: Proverbs 8:31 “Rejoicing in all of creation and taking delight in humanity.”

Explanation: In the context of personified wisdom this verse expresses Gods delight, in everything He has created including humanity. Gods love stems from His delight in the race. It serves as a reminder that Gods love's not merely an obligation but is infused with joy over who we are as His creation.

Scripture: Psalm 147:11 “The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, who place their hope in His unfailing love.”

Explanation: The fear of the Lord, which signifies reverence and respect, towards Him is often accompanied by trust in His love. God finds pleasure in those who hold Him in regard and put their hope in His love.

The connection, between our reverence, hope and Gods delight highlights why He has affection for us. It's not just an idea. His love for us is personal and intimate. He takes joy and pleasure in us. This joy is intricately linked to His love. When we acknowledge His delight in us and respond with reverence, trust and humility we align ourselves with His love. Bring honor to His name.

Scripture: Psalm 149:4 “For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory.”

Explanation: it says that the Lord finds delight in His people; He crowns the humble with victory. This means that Gods love for us is intertwined with His joy in having a relationship with His people. When we humbly submit ourselves to Him and follow His will He experiences joy because of our commitment to honoring Him. This joyful response is one of the reasons why God loves us deeply. As we strive to live according to His ways He pours out His love upon us which brings Him happiness.

God Loves us because He is merciful and forgiving:

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4,5 “But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.”

Explanation:

Another passage that illustrates Why God loves us is Ephesians 2:4 5. It explains the reason that God's Love is so great is because he is also Merciful and Forgiving when we don't deserve His Love nor to be Loved by Him.

How? because of God's love for us when we were in bondage to sin and in our wrongdoings, we were spiritual dead, He showed mercy and made us alive through Christ Jesus. This act of salvation through grace demonstrates the depth of God's love for humanity.

You see these scriptures emphasize that God's affection for us goes hand in hand with his delight in having a relationship, with his people. By acknowledging his joy in our lives and responding with reverence and obedience we align ourselves with his love which brings him satisfaction.

Explanation; This passage underscores the connection, between God's love and His mercy. It highlights how His love is demonstrated through His mercy towards us even when we were spiritually stagnant due to our sins. God's love compels Him to extend mercy and grace providing us with the opportunity to be saved and redeemed through His unfailing love. His love serves as the driving force behind His willingness to forgive us and bring us back to life through Christ.

Scripture; Psalm 103:8-10. "The Lord is compassionate and gracious slow to anger abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."

Explanation; This passage beautifully exhibited God's attributes of compassion, grace and overflowing love. Despite our shortcomings God's immense love compels Him not to treat us according to what we deserve for our transgressions or retribution, His love still encompasses forgiveness. Offering a chance at redemption; It is from this place of unwavering affection that God extends compassion when we fall short and sin; A chance to repent, and to be reconciled to Him.

Scripture; Micah 7:18,19. "Who's, like you Lord? You freely pardon sin. Forgive the transgressions of your people." You don't hold onto anger forever. Find joy in showing mercy. You will again have compassion, for us; you will step on our sins. Throw all our wrongdoings into the depths of the sea."

Explanation; In this passage it emphasizes that God's love is intimately linked to His mercy and willingness to forgive. The verse highlights that God takes pleasure in extending mercy and pardoning sins and transgressions. His love compels Him to have compassion on us and

discard our sins symbolized by casting them into the depths of the sea. God's love motivates Him to offer forgiveness and mercy to His people demonstrating His tender care.

Scripture; Isaiah 43:25 "I, I am the one who erases your transgressions for my sake; I will not remember your sins."

Explanation; This verse portrays God's love as the driving Spirit behind His willingness to forgive and forget our sins. He erases our transgressions not for our sake but for His own sake illustrating the depth of His love and his desire for a restored relationship with us. His love prompts Him to extend forgiveness enabling us to experience His mercy and grace.

These scriptures reveal the connection between God's love, for us and his acts of mercy and forgiveness.

God's love is so profound that it compels Him to show compassion forgive our sins and offer us the gift of forgiveness through His grace. This aspect of God's love reveals His desire, for reconciliation reveals the extent of His care for His people.

To worship and honor God - To Magnify and Glorify God

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:17 "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take delight in you; in his love He will no longer rebuke you. Will rejoice over you with singing."

Explanation: God's delight in us and His love that brings rejoicing, to magnify His glory. God not only saves us, but He also finds pure joy in our presence. The image of God rejoicing over us with singing emphasizes His personal affection towards us which further magnifies His glory as a loving and caring Father. All Glory to God, who deserves our praises and worship.

These verses highlight God's love as a magnificent aspect of His character. The way He loves us despite our flaws and sin, He disciplines us and brings transformation to our lives. As we repent this allows us to experience the grace, mercy and joy that emanate from Him. As we reflect

on these facets of God's love we amplify His glory by recognizing and celebrating the nature of His affection, for each one of us.

To offer more Adoration and Honor to God

Scripture: Ephesians 2:4,5, "But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Explanation: Because of God's love, for us He, who is abundant in mercy has given us life alongside Christ even when we were spiritually dead due to our wrongdoings. This transformation is by His grace and kindness, towards us.

Scripture: Psalm 136:26 "Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever."

Explanation:

One of the reasons Why God loves us is to demonstrate to us How great His love for us really is, by showing grace and mercy to us, even when we don't deserve it. This also teaches us How we should love one another in this same ways, showing mercy, grace and forgiveness to others.

We will also offer worship, praise and thanksgiving unto God for His great acts of love towards us, that will bring honor and glory to God, and magnify Him above all others forever.

His enduring love is worthy of our thanksgiving and praise. God's Love is not fleeting or merited; rather it is eternal. We give glory and honor to God because His love remains steadfast, unchanging and unwavering. It serves as a reminder of His faithfulness. As we recognize this truth within our hearts gratitude fills our being. Compels us to offer praises and glorification.

God's love knows no bounds; it surpasses anything found in creation. It perseveres regardless of circumstances. Challenges we face. This

unwavering assurance of God's love motivates us to praises and give glory unto Him.

We find solace in the embrace of His love. As we contemplate this truth our hearts overflow with appreciation, for the extraordinary gift of God's timeless and unwavering love.

The scriptures and explanations mentioned above emphasize the reasons why God's love deserves our admiration and honor. His enduring love, the gift of His Son and the certainty of His affection all stir up a sense of gratitude within us. As we grasp and cherish these aspects of God's love we willingly offer praise and honor as a response to His affection for us.

“But because He loves us immensely, God, who abounds in mercy revived us along with Christ when we were ensnared by transgressions—this is solely due to His grace that has saved you.”

God's love is not a reaction to our adoration for Him; rather it is an initiating Spirit that manifests through His deeds. He sent forth His Son, Jesus Christ as an offering to reconcile our sins so that we can have a renewed connection with Him. The driving Spirit behind our redemption is God's love. As we grasp the profundity of this bond it fills our hearts with gratitude. Ignites a desire, within us to willingly express thanksgiving through our own volition.

The scriptures and explanations mentioned demonstrates the love of God, which serves as the bedrock of our faith, salvation and connection, with Him. When we truly understand the love He has for us it naturally evokes a sense of appreciation, gratefulness and admiration. We willingly choose to honor and glorify God by expressing our gratitude and offering ourselves freely to Him.

Preparing for Eternal Worship:

Scripture: Revelation 22:3; Psalm 22:27

Explanation: Our worship on Earth is a preparation for eternal worship in God's presence. Through worship, we anticipate the day when we will glorify God without any veil between us.

Eternal Promise: God's love secures our eternal destiny. His promise of eternal life underscores His commitment to our well-being beyond our earthly existence (1 John 2:25; John 10:28-29).

In essence, God's love is a reflection of His divine nature — a love that is beyond our comprehension but is readily available for us to embrace. His reasons for loving us encompass our creation, redemption, relationship, and the transformative journey He guides us through. Through His Word, we discover the depth of God's love and the profound ways in which it shapes our lives.

His COVENANT Promise

Scripture: Hebrews 10:16

“This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:31-34 : “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah... I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

Explanation: This prophetic passage speaks of the new covenant that God would establish through Jesus Christ. It signifies a deeper level of forgiveness and an everlasting relationship based on God's unchanging love.

God's covenant love is not based on our performance or merit. It flows from His unchanging character, His desire to have a relationship with us, and His commitment to fulfill His promises. This love is compassionate, forgiving, and transformative. It's the reason God pursued humanity from

the beginning, from the covenant with Abraham to the new covenant sealed with the blood of Jesus.

God's love reaches out to us, inviting us into a covenant relationship with Him. It's a love that beckons us to respond, to trust in His faithfulness, and to live in the security of His covenant. By embracing His covenant love, we not only experience His boundless affection but also find our true purpose and identity in Him.

Jeremiah 31:3 : "The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: 'I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.'"

Explanation: God's love is not fleeting, It's everlasting, extending beyond the confines of time. This verse in Jeremiah highlights the unchanging nature of God's love, which is rooted in His covenant.

Psalm 103:17: "But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children."

Explanation: The covenant love of God is not just for the present generation but extends to future generations. It's a love that spans across time, ensuring that His grace and goodness continue to bless those who honor and reverence Him.I

Isaiah 54:10 ; "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

Explanation: God's covenant love remains unshaken, even in the midst of the most challenging circumstances. It's a love that stands firm, providing a sense of security and peace for those who trust in Him.

Romans 5:8 : "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Explanation: The ultimate expression of God's covenant love is seen in the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Even when we were undeserving,

God's love prompted Him to offer the greatest gift of all – redemption through Christ's sacrifice.

These blessings and benefits manifest the depth of God's love and care for His children, enriching their lives with purpose, hope, and eternal significance.

How does God the Father want us to Love?

John 13:34&35 “A new command I (Jesus Christ) give you: Love one another. As I (Jesus Christ) have loved you, so you must love one another; By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.”

Apart from Jesus Christ, No one can truly Love (John 15:5) in the ways God intends, because unrepentive evil and sin, hinders a person from being fully used by God, to demonstrate His Love through that individual.

The common words which we use to describe the meaning of love falls short of the kind of Love that God intends us to have for others. God's Love has more of vast spiritual meanings than what we commonly understand those words to imply. This is why we need to have God's wisdom and insight by His word, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit, so that we can truly demonstrate the attributes of Love in the way God intended in all truth and not in the limited way we futilely attempt to perceive what love is and try to love from mere human reasoning and human abilities, instead of from the Spirit of God.

Here are some of the spiritual attributes of God's Love, which are fully revealed to us in Jesus Christ that He instructs us to have for others,..... Kindness, compassion, charity, patience, self-control, meekness, unselfish servantship in laying your own life down for a friend in various circumstances, caring for your enemy, having forgiveness & mercy towards everyone, and to Love in spirit and in truth.

The Love of Jesus Christ demonstrated to us in so many ways is the same Love and pattern by which we should follow and give to others.

We Love Jesus and others, by obeying the commandments of God the Father and of Jesus Christ His Son,...

We Love others when we lay down our lives (self interests) for our brother.

We Love God, when we worship Him alone, in spirit and truth, and by not worshipping other false idols, or following vain imaginations or false doctrines,

We Love others and Jesus when we tell the truth and not lie nor bear false witness against them, nor gossip about them.

We Love Jesus when we do good to the least of His brethren (other Christians);

We Love others and Jesus when we behave with good morals and not lust or commit sexual immorality.

We Love others when we teach the ways of God and not lead a little one astray.And so forth.....

In comparison, the world's perception of love, which is vastly imperfect and carnal, is not really the Love which comes from the Father.

That is why we must not be presumptuous and lean on our present understanding of what love is, but rather we should acknowledge God and learn from His Holy Spirit, and through His Word, exactly what is the Love which we should give to God and to one another. God's Divine Love is also manifested by Holy Spirit, in Christians towards others and made known to us.

Jesus said, " By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have Love for one another. " JOHN 13:35

God is fully capable and will establish His Love within our hearts and minds by His Spirit, if we only ask, and not doubt nor harden our heart, and further if we obey His instructions to us;

Yes we will continue to fail often; Thankfully we under God's Grace and Forgiveness; Therefore we should always, continue to purpose to Love, and God will be Faithful to bring forth Good Fruit within our lives to others.

For this is the new covenant which He has made with us, that He would write His Law of Love upon our hearts, and He would be our God and we would be His people.

And now, God has commanded us and commissioned us to LOVE, HOW?

John 13:34&35 "A new command I (Jesus Christ) give you: Love one another.

As I (Jesus Christ) have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."

So now that we know and believe that we should Love one another as Jesus Christ Loved us, we should study God's Word and learn and apply to our lives **just how Jesus Christ Loved us.**

HOW Did Jesus Christ Love Us?

SEE ALSO ' List of Love Section', to learn and understand How does God the Father want us to Love

HOW Did and Does Jesus Christ Love us? Observations of Jesus' Love

Biblical Insight of Jesus' Love - We should study in God's Word all the ways that Jesus Christ has Loved us and demonstrate that same Love by His Holy Spirit (See SUB-TOPICS of Love below)

Jesus Loved by serving others in humility;

We should also LOVE as Jesus did by SERVING OTHERS in all humility.

We should Love one another as Jesus Christ demonstrated by HUMBLY SERVING the needs of others within the church and to those in the world.

Even though Jesus Christ is the King of Kings, He came to set the example here for us to do the same. He came not to be served but to serve. Jesus washed the dirt from the feet of His disciples, to show us an example as to the kind of Love that He wants us to give to others.

When we see a need within those in the church, we should serve in some ministry to benefit the entire church or continue to serve one another, on an individual basis, regardless of how menial, insignificant, or dirty the task. We should serve with the right attitude and concern that Jesus has; We should ask God to change our self-centered heart and give us the same compassion as Jesus Christ. As we serve others with His Love, we should do so not to receive self-recognition, nor grudgingly, complaining nor always expecting some self-gain, even though God will Bless us exceedingly spiritually if we serve with the right heart.

The dirt that Jesus Christ washed off the feet of His disciples could also metaphorically represent the filthy sins that everyone picks up while walking through this world. When we recognize the sin and faults in others, we should not just stand in judgment of a person, wrongly criticizing, but rather Love them in such a way, in gracious words of God and actions, to bring them back to Jesus Christ, so that He can wash them clean by His Grace, and the washing of His Word.

We should also Love all those in the world by humbly serving the needs of those who are destitute of the Truth of Jesus Christ; We should also serve the physical needs of the poor in the world, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for and visit the orphans, the sick, and those in prison.

KEY SCRIPTURES -

John 13:3 to 17 AKJV, 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; 4 He rises from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he pours water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded. 6 Then comes he to Simon Peter: and Peter said to him, Lord, do

you wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said to him, What I do you know not now; but you shall know hereafter. 8 Peter said to him, You shall never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash you not, you have no part with me. 9 Simon Peter said to him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jesus said to him, He that is washed needs not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and you are clean, but not all. 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, You are not all clean. 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said to them, Know you what I have done to you? 13 You call me Master and Lord: and you say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If you know these things, happy are you if you do them.

Mark 10:45 - For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

OBSERVATIONS OF JESUS' LOVE - Jesus ministered to other's PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, and MENTAL NEEDS by feeding the hungry, healed the sick, etc. He prayed for them, He used His word to bring deliverance to the oppressed ...etc., He brought Eternal Salvation to us...etc.

We should also LOVE others as Jesus did; By doing the same, - We should tend and care for other's physical, spiritual, mental needs, including caring for others, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving to the poor, etc., and sharing the Good News of Salvation by Jesus Christ. God desires to work through Christians today to Love and minister to people's needs.

KEY SCRIPTURES -

Matthew 25:31 to 46 AKJV, 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of

his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungered, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: 36 Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you drink? 38 When saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you? 39 Or when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came to you? 40 And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me. 41 Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Some Biblical Examples of Jesus Christ Loving others by ministering to their physical needs... While we may or may not demonstrate the same miracles as Jesus, to the magnitude that he did, still God distributes spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit to various Christians such as the gift of healing; And further each one of us as believers can minister personally to one another, through prayer and caring for each one's needs.

KEY SCRIPTURES -

Jesus fed the 5 thousand – Matthew 14:13-21

Jesus healed multitudes – Matthew 15:29-31

Jesus healed the blind – Matthew 20:29-34

Jesus healed many - Luke 4:38-44

Jesus healed a man with leprosy - Luke 5:12-16

Jesus forgives and heals a paralyzed man - Luke 5:17-26

OBSERVATIONS OF JESUS' LOVE -

He ministered to other's Spiritual and Physical Needs -

He visited and healed the sick, fed the hungry, comforted the lonely and feeble, He set those who were demonically oppressed free, taught the truth and discipled others, etc., etc., and Loved us by giving His life for us, and ministering to our spiritual need for Salvation.

We should LOVE others as Jesus did; By doing the same, - We should visit those in prison, visit the widows and orphans, show hospitality to strangers, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc. share the Good News of Salvation and Eternal Life with the lost in the world.

OBSERVATIONS OF JESUS' LOVE

Ephesians 5:1-2 “Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Jesus' Sacrificial Love - John 10:15 “As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.”

Jesus' Compassion & Raising the dead - John 11:33 to 44 AKJV 33
When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. 34 **And said,** **Where have you laid him? They said to him, Lord, come and see.** 35

Jesus wept. 36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! 37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself comes to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay on it. 39 Jesus said, Take you away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said to him, Lord, by this time he stinks: for he has been dead four days. 40 Jesus said to her, Said I not to you, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God? 41 Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 And I knew that you hear me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you have sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said to them, Loose him, and let him go.

Jesus' Unselfish Love for us - John 15:9-15, AKJV,

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

Romans 15:3 “For even Christ did not please Himself...”

Revelation 1:5 “To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood.”

Jesus' knows our weaknesses and still has sympathy - Hebrews 4:15
"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."

Luke 23:34 Then Jesus said, " Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do"

OBSERVATIONS OF JESUS' LOVE

Jesus' Love reassures us not to worry and He has prepared a place for us;

John 14:1 to 6, AKJV Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also.** 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know. 5 Thomas said to him, Lord, we know not where you go; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me.

In these verses Jesus provides comfort and reassurance to His followers urging them not to worry but to have faith, in both God and Himself. He clarifies that in His Father's abode there is plenty of room for each of them and He is going ahead to make a place just for them. Jesus assures them that He will come back personally to bring them to be with Him and he emphasizes that He is the one and only Way, to the Father embodying both Truth and everlasting Life.

Jesus answers our prayers because of His Love to care for us - John 14:14-15 ; AKJV "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the

world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live.”

Jesus expresses a promise in these verses assuring His followers that if they pray in His name their requests will be granted. He connects this assurance to the condition of loving Him and obeying His commandments. Moreover Jesus talks about the arrival of the Holy Spirit, who is referred to as the Helper and emphasizes that the Spirit will stay with them and guide them in truth. He comforts them by saying that He won’t abandon them but will come back, to them even though the world won’t see Him anymore. Through His presence His followers will attain life.

Jesus Loves us to make His home with us -

John 14:21 to 27; AKJV, 21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas said to him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said to him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our stayed with him. 24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father’s which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken to you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.” Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we

know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

In these verses Jesus highlights the connection, between loving Him and obeying His commandments. He assures that those who love Him will also be loved by the Father. Jesus introduces the presence of the Holy Spirit, known as the Helper, who will guide and remind His followers about His teachings. Moreover Jesus imparts a sense of peace that's different from the peace found in the world. He encourages His disciples to stay calm and fearless.

The preceding verses in John 14:1-6 provide context for these teachings. In those verses Jesus comforts His disciples by assuring them that through faith in Him as the way to the Father they have a place in Gods house. Thomas seeks clarification prompting Jesus to assert His role as the path to reach the Father. Together these passages emphasize faith, love, obedience and how having the Holy Spirit within us is crucial, in a believers life.

Jesus Loves us to protect us, save us and gives us eternal life- John 10:3-14 AKJV

3 To him the porter opens; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. 4 And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This parable spoke Jesus to them: but they understood not what things they were which he spoke to them. 7 Then said Jesus to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep. 12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches

them, and scatters the sheep. 13 The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

Jesus' Love ministers to us - Matthew 20:28 AKJV 28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Jesus gives us rest for our souls because of His Great Love - Matthew 11:29 AKJV , 29 Take my yoke on you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest to your souls.

Jesus Loved by not striving with man nor raising His Voice -Matthew 12:19 (AKJV): 19 He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.

Jesus took on our infirmities and bore our sicknesses- Matthew 8;17 (AKJV): 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses.

Jesus Loved the multitudes with compassion -Matthew 9:36 AKJV): 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Jesus Loved us by spiritually adopting us - Ephesians 1:3 to 7 (AKJV); 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he has made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Jesus Loved us by sealing us with the Holy Spirit of promise - Ephesians 1:13&14 (AKJV): 13 In whom you also trusted, after that you

heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,¹⁴ Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of his glory.

Jesus loves us by being our peace and abolished the enmity -
Ephesians 2:14-16 (AKJV); 14 For he is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of two one new man, so making peace; 16 And that he might reconcile both to God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Jesus had Compassion and Healed the sick - Matthew 14:14 (AKJV):
14 And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed the sick.

Jesus ministered to and healed the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute - Matthew 15:30 (AKJV):30 And great multitudes came to him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them.

Jesus out of love, delivered delivered and healed the Canaanite Woman's daughter who was demon possessed- Matthew 15:21-28 (AKJV):
21 Then Jesus went there, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried to him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, you son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and sought him, saying, Send her away; for she cries after us. 24 But he answered and said, I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then

Jesus answered and said to her, O woman, great is your faith: be it to you even as you will. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

Jesus fed those who were hungry - Matthew 15:32 (AKJV, 32) Then Jesus called his disciples to him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Jesus came to save the lost - Matthew 18:11 to 13 (AKJV): 11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost. 12 How think you? If a man have a hundred sheep and one of them be gone astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine, and go into the mountains, and seek that which is gone astray? 13 And if so be that he find it, truly I say to you, he rejoices more of that sheep than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

Jesus loved others by praying for their forgiveness - Luke 23:34 (AKJV): 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his clothing and cast lots.

Jesus Loved His enemies - Matthew 5:43 to 48 (AKJV):

“43 You have heard that it has been said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

44 But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you;

45 That you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.

46 For if you love them which love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans the same?

47 And if you salute your brothers only, what do you more than others? Do not even the publicans so?

48 Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Jesus loved with those whom others would not associate with, and gave them life - John 4:9 to 26 (AKJV): 9 Then said the woman of Samaria to him, How is it that you, being a Jew, ask drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. 10 Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, Give me to drink; you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water. 11 The woman said to him, Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from where then have you that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? 13 Jesus answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. 15 The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come here to draw. 16 Jesus said to her, Go, call your husband, and come here. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, You have well said, I have no husband: 18 For you have had five husbands; and he whom you now have is not your husband: in that said you truly. 19 The woman said to him, Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus said to her, Woman, believe me, the hour comes when you shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship you know not what: we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman said to him, I know that Messiahs comes, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus said to her, I that speak to you am he.

Jesus loved the woman caught in adultery and forgave her- John 8:1 to 11 (AKJV);

1. Jesus went to the mount of Olives.
2. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him; and he sat down, and taught them.
3. And the scribes and Pharisees brought to him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the middle,
4. They said to him, Teacher, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act.
5. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what say you?
6. This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.
7. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself and said to them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.
8. And again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
9. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even to the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle.
10. When Jesus had lifted up himself and saw none but the woman, he said to her, Woman, where are those your accusers? has no man condemned you?
11. She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I condemn you: go, and sin no more.

Jesus loved by Discipling the crowds and teaching His disciples-

Matthew 5:1 to 12 (AKJV):

1. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came to him:
2. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
7. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are you when men shall revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
12. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Jesus loved us by bringing Grace and Truth - John 1:14 (AKJV): 14
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelled among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus loved by clearing the temple courts, like putting the church in order -

John 2:13-17 (AKJV): 13 And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem, 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and

overthrew the tables; 16 And said to them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. 17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of your house has eaten me up.

Jesus Loved by teaching how to be born again - John 3:5-8 (AKJV): 5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said to you, You must be born again. 8 The wind blows where it wills, and you hear the sound thereof, but can not tell from where it comes, and where it goes: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Jesus Loved by raising the dead- John 4:49&50 (AKJV): 49 The nobleman said to him, Sir, come down before my child dies.50 Jesus said to him, Go your way; your son lives. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken to him, and he went his way.

Jesus Loved by healing the paralyzed - John 5:8 (AKJV): 8 Jesus said to him, Rise, take up your bed, and walk.

Jesus Loved by feeding the hungry - John 6:10 (AKJV): 10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

Jesus Loved by speaking the Truth regardless if it offended - John 6:61to 66 (AKJV): 61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said to them, Does this offend you? 62 What and if you shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that vivifies; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak to you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I to you that no man can come to me, except it were given to him of my Father.66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

Jesus loved His disciples by giving the authority - Matthew 10:1 (AKJV): 10 And when he had called to him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

Jesus loved by teaching his disciples about the kingdom of heaven-

Matthew 13:24 to 32 (AKJV); The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said to him, Sir, did not you sow good seed in your field? from where then has it tares? 28 He said to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Will you then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, No; lest while you gather up the tares, you root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather you together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. 31 Another parable put he forth to them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

Jesus Loved by teaching forgiveness - Matthew 18:21-22 (AKJV) 21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? 22 Jesus said to him, I say not to you, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

Jesus loved by healing the blind - John 9:8 (AKJV): 8 The neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged?

Jesus Loved by being a Good Shepherd - John 10:7-8 (AKJV):7 Then said Jesus to them again, Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the

sheep. 8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them.

Jesus receives the little children - Mark 9:36-37 (AKJV): 36 And he took a child and set him in the middle of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said to them, 37 Whoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receives me: and whoever shall receive me, receives not me, but him that sent me.

Matthew 18:2-5 (AKJV): 2 And Jesus called a little child to him, and set him in the middle of them, 3 And said, Truly I say to you, Except you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. 5 And whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives me.

Luke 9:48 (AKJV): 48 And said to them, Whoever shall receive this child in my name receives me: and whoever shall receive me receives him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same be great.

Mark 10:13-21 (AKJV): 13 And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said to them, Suffer the little children to come to me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. 15 Truly I say to you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. 16 And he took them up in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them. 17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running and kneeled to him and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said to him, Why call you me good? There is none good but one, that is, God. 19 You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honor your father and mother. 20 And he answered and said to him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him and said to him, One thing you lack: go your

way, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

Jesus Blessed the little children - Matthew 19:13-15 (AKJV): 13 Then were there brought to him little children, that he should put his hands on them and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come to me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. 15 And he laid his hands on them and departed there.

Luke 18:15-16 (AKJV): 15 And they brought to him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them to him and said, Suffer little children to come to me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

Jesus feeds the 4000 - Matthew 15:35-39 AKJV 35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and broke them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. 37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full. 38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children. 39 And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

Jesus prayed for others - Luke 22:31-32 (AKJV): 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brothers.

Luke 7:13 (AKJV): 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, Weep not.

Jesus Loved us by becoming lowly and poor that we could be rich -2 Corinthians 8:9 (AKJV): 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich.

Jesus Loved His own till the end - John 13:1 (AKJV): 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Jesus Loves in this Way - Deuteronomy 10:18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and Loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing."

Jesus Loved His disciples in fellowship -John 13:23 (AKJV); 23 Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved.

Jesus teaching How to Love- John 13:34 (AKJV): 34 A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Ephesians 3:17 (AKJV); 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

Jesus Loved us by washing our sins by His Blood - Revelation 1:5 (AKJV): 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Revelation 3:9 (AKJV): 9 Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Jesus loves by rebuking and chastening us; Revelation 3:19 (AKJV); 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Jesus loved us that we may live through Him- 1 John 4:9-10 (AKJV): 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Jesus loved us by taking on a form as a servant - Philippians 2:5 to8 (AKJV): 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took on him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus' kindness, love and mercy- Titus 3:4 to 7 (AKJV): But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; 7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Jesus gave himself for us - Galatians 2;20 (AKJV): 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Jesus' Love constrains us - 2 Corinthians 5:14, AKJV ; 14 For the love of Christ constrains us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:**Jesus**

Loved those who were faithful and loved God - John 11;5 (AKJV): 5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

Jesus loved us by washng away our sin - Revelation 1;5 (AKJV): 5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. To him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Jesus loved by rebuking and chastening; Revelation 3:19 (AKJV): 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Jesus Loved as a servant and washes the dirt (sin) from our lives - John 13:12 (AKJV): 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said to them, Know you what I have done to you?

Jesus loved by laying down His life , - 1 John 3:16 (AKJV): 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Jesus Loved by seeking and saving the lost - Luke 19:10, AKJV); 10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Jesus Loved by forgiving those who killed Him; Luke 23:34 (AKJV): 34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Jesus Loved by making intercession in prayer for others - Hebrews 7;25 (AKJV); 25 Therefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he ever lives to make intercession for them.

Jesus loved with Compassion - Matthew 9;36 (AKJV): 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Jesus loved with Compassion and healed the sick - Matthew 14;14 (AKJV): 14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Jesus had Compassion on the woman-Luke 7:13 (AKJV): 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said to her, Weep not.

Jesus Loved the multitude and had Compassion- Matthew 15;32 (AKJV): 32 Then Jesus called his disciples to him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

Jesus Loved by taking our infirmities and bore our sicknesses -
Matthew 8:17 (AKJV); 17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bore our sicknesses.

Galatians 2:20 “The Son of God Who Loved and gave Himself for me.”

CONCLUSION

God wants us to love one another as Jesus Christ loved us. Jesus showed His love through humble service, ministering to others' physical, spiritual, and emotional needs. He taught us to be compassionate, forgiving, and selfless in our love for others.

We should follow Jesus' example by serving and caring for one another, both within the church and to those in the world. This includes feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and sharing the good news of salvation with those who are lost.

Love is not just a feeling but an action, and it requires us to lay down our lives and preferences for the sake of others. Jesus' sacrificial love is the model we should follow in our relationships with one another and in our service to God.

As we walk in love, we imitate God and become His disciples, shining His light and bringing glory to His name. Let us strive to love one another as Christ loved us and be known as followers of Jesus by our love for others.

WHAT does God Love?

And How does He demonstrates His Love?

Psalm 33:5 “ The Lord Loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing Love.”

Psalm 37:28 “ For the Lord Loves justice, And does not forsake His saints, they are preserved forever, but the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.”

Psalm 11:7 “ For the Lord is Righteous, He Loves righteousness; His countenance beholds the upright.”

Psalm 33:5 “ He Loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.”

Psalm 99:4 “ The King’s strength also Loves justice; You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the Great God mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.”

Deuteronomy 10:18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and Loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing.”

Deuteronomy 33:12 “ The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him, Who shelters him all the day long; And he shall dwell between His shoulders.”

God also loves righteousness and justice. Throughout the Scriptures, we find numerous references to God’s delight in righteousness. Psalm 11:7 declares, “For the Lord is righteous, he loves justice; the upright will see his face.” This reveals God’s inherent nature to champion what is right and just. He cares deeply about fairness and the well-being of His creation, and His love is evident when He works to bring about justice and make things right.

WHY did Jesus Love us and give Himself for us ?

Titus 2:14 (AKJV):14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a peculiar (special) people, zealous of good works.

Jesus’ love for us and His sacrificial act of giving Himself are profound expressions of God’s divine plan for our redemption and reconciliation. There are several key aspects to consider when understanding why Jesus loved us and offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice: We should have

deep appreciation and Thankfulness to God for calling us to come to Him, therefore let us always be zealous in serving and care for others and many other good works. See “List of Love’ Section

1. God’s Love for Humanity: At the core of Jesus’ sacrificial love is God’s immense love for humanity. God’s love is unchanging, and His desire is to restore the broken relationship between Himself and humanity. He sees us in our fallen state, bound by sin, and extends His love as an invitation to be reconciled with Him.

Scriptural Reference: Titus 2:14

“[Jesus] gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.”

Explanation: This verse from Titus highlights that Jesus’ act of giving Himself was for our redemption and purification. It demonstrates God’s love in action, as He takes the initiative to rescue us from the grip of sin and its consequences. His love compels Him to take the necessary steps to set us free from wickedness.

2. God’s Desire for Relationship: God’s love is relational. He wants to restore the intimate relationship with humanity that was lost due to sin. Jesus’ sacrifice serves as the bridge that enables us to be in a close relationship with God once again. His love is the driving force behind His willingness to lay down His life.

Scriptural Reference: John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Explanation: This iconic verse encapsulates the essence of why Jesus loved us and gave Himself. God’s love for the world is the motivation behind sending Jesus. He longs to offer humanity the opportunity to experience eternal life and be reconciled with Him.

3. God's Plan for Redemption: Jesus' sacrifice was a fulfillment of God's plan for redemption. The payment for sin required a perfect, unblemished sacrifice, and Jesus, the sinless Son of God, willingly took that role. His love for us is evident in His willingness to bear the weight of our sins on the cross, taking our place.

Scriptural Reference: Ephesians 5:2

“...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Explanation: This verse emphasizes the sacrificial nature of Jesus' love. His act of giving Himself is likened to a fragrant offering to God. It underscores the selflessness and deep love Jesus had for us, fulfilling God's plan for our salvation.

In summary, Jesus loved us and gave Himself for us because of God's profound love for humanity, His desire for a restored relationship, and His plan for our redemption. This sacrificial love is a testament to God's unwavering commitment to save us from the power of sin and to bring us into a loving relationship with Him.

WHY should we Love the way that God Commanded and intended us to Love?

First because God the Father and Jesus Christ Commanded us to Love

Scripture: Mark 12:30-31 “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” **John 15:12** “My command is this: Love each other as I (Jesus Christ) have loved you.”

Explanations:

Obedience to God's Commandments: We should love the way God commanded because it aligns with His explicit instructions that would bring forth good spiritual fruit, minister to others, transform our lives, and

bring Glory to God. Loving God wholeheartedly and loving our neighbors as ourselves are the greatest commandments given by Jesus. When we follow these commands, we demonstrate our obedience to God's will and show that we honor His authority.

Scripture: Matthew 22:37 to 39 AKJV 37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like to it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Brings Salvation;

We should the Way God commanded so many people around the world will find Salvation in Jesus Christ, and be reconciled to God and Abide in His Love; They will witness the Love that we have for one another and will desire His Love in a spiritual relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior also...

Love Fulfills our lives and the needs of us and the world;

Love is the cornerstone that brings fulfillment to our lives and meets the essential needs of our own lives and the world. It's the Spirit of God that transcends boundaries, bridges lives and transforms lives. This highest, all encompassing virtue of God is beautifully illustrated in Matthew 25:35-40, where Jesus emphasizes the profound impact of love through acts of kindness and compassion.

Scripture: Matthew 25:35 to 40 AKJV 35 For I was an hungered, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: 36 Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you drink? 38 When saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you? 39 Or when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came to you? 40 And the King shall answer and say to

them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.

Explanation: In this passage, Jesus describes acts of love and compassion toward those in need as acts done directly for Him. The focus is on serving others, especially those who are marginalized or facing hardships. When we feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit those in prison, we are not only meeting their physical needs but also expressing love in action.

This passage underscores the profound interconnectedness of humanity and how our acts of love have a ripple effect. Love not only fulfills the immediate needs of individuals but also creates a life changing impact on the world. When we extend love and care, we bring hope, comfort, and dignity to those who may be struggling. Our acts of love become a channel through which God's love flows, touching lives and making a tangible difference.

Ultimately, love is at the heart of fulfilling our purpose as human beings. It's the driving force behind meaningful relationships, selflessness, and social justice. When we love and serve others, we find fulfillment in knowing that we are contributing to a better world, and in doing so, we honor the commandment of Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves. Through love, we not only enrich our own lives but also play a vital role in meeting the needs of the world and reflecting God's love to those around us.

Addresses and resolves issues and problems in the world

Most of the issues and problems in the world stem from the lack of Love. God's Love being demonstrated through us can effectively change many of problems in the world in a good way, wherever and whenever it is given.

Love that comes from God to us then through us to others is transformative and regenerating. Love has the remarkable ability to address and resolve issues and problems in the world. When genuine Love is

behind our actions, relationships, and efforts, it can bring about healing, understanding, reconciliation, and positive change. The Bible provides profound wisdom and guidance on how love is the foremost virtue and role in addressing the challenges we face in the world.

Scripture: Romans 12:21 - “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

In summary, love addresses and resolves issues and problems in the world by promoting unity, fostering forgiveness and reconciliation, empowering positive change, and transforming hearts. As we follow the example of Jesus, who embodied love in its purest form, we become instruments of love, contributing to the healing and transformation of our world. Love is the key to resolving conflicts, bridging divides, and building a more compassionate and just society.

Love never fails;

The profound statement “Love never fails” encapsulates the enduring and unwavering nature of genuine love. This powerful truth is beautifully articulated in the passage of 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, often referred to as the “Love Chapter.”

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 AKJV

4 Charity (Love) suffers long, and (Love) is kind; charity (Love) envies not; charity brags (boasts) not itself, is not puffed up (arrogant), 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

This passage highlights the essential qualities of love. Love is patient, enduring through trials and challenges without losing its core essence. It is kind, showing compassion, empathy, and goodwill towards others. Love

doesn't envy or boast; it's not rooted in pride but in humility and genuine care for others.

Furthermore, love honors and respects others. It isn't self-centered or driven by personal gain. Love remains steady even in the face of frustration and avoids keeping a record of wrongs. It rejoices in what is right and true, promoting goodness and righteousness.

The passage emphasizes the enduring nature of love. Love protects, safeguards, and trusts. It sustains hope, even in difficult circumstances, and perseveres through adversity. Love, by its very nature, never fails. It stands the test of time and remains constant, resilient, and unyielding.

This message of love's unending strength and endurance serves as a reminder of the transformative power of love. It extends beyond fleeting emotions or temporary situations. Love, as described in this passage, is a force that withstands the trials of life and remains a beacon of light, hope, and support. When love is the foundation of our actions, relationships, and decisions, it becomes an unbreakable bond that brings joy, healing, and unity.

Ultimately, this passage in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 paints a profound picture of what love truly is. Love's enduring and unfailing nature is a reflection of God's love for us. It's a call to cultivate and express this love in our lives, knowing that when we choose to love in the way that the Bible describes, it has the power to bring transformation, harmony, and lasting impact. Love, in its truest form, never fails.

Reflecting God's Nature:

God is love (1 John 4:8). By loving as God intended, we reflect His nature to the world. We become conduits of His love, showcasing His character and bringing His light into a world that desperately needs it.

Fulfilling Our Purpose:

Loving in the way God intended fulfills our purpose as human beings. We were created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), and part of that image is the capacity to love. When we love God and others, we fulfill this purpose, living out the design for which we were made.

- **Promoting Unity;** Loving the way God commanded promotes unity among believers because it transcends differences in culture, language, or denomination. Non-believers witnessing this divine love are drawn to God, desiring also to receive God's Love and Salvation, bringing unity to those around the world. Furthermore, loving as God intended brings believers into unity with God enabling them to abide in His divine love as one body in Christ. Colossians 3:14 "And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."
- **Witness to Christ:** Jesus said that people would know we are His disciples by our love for one another (John 13:35). Loving as God commanded becomes a powerful testimony to the transformative work of Christ in our lives, drawing others to Him.
- **Bringing Joy and Fulfillment:** Loving others sacrificially and selflessly, as God intended, brings genuine joy and fulfillment. It aligns with our innate desire for meaningful relationships and contributes to a sense of purpose in our lives.
- **Obeying the Greatest Commandment:** Jesus taught us to do unto others as we would have them do unto us (Matthew 7:12). Loving in the way God intended embodies this principle, creating a world where compassion, kindness, and empathy prevail.

To Bear Good Fruits / Good Works as God created us and wants us to do;

John 15:1-8 (AKJV): 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. 6 If a man stays not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you stay in me, and my words stay in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples.

Lay down our lives (Self interests) for others

John 15:9-24 (AKJV): 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you shall stay in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and stay in his love. 11 These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 **This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.** 13 **Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.** 14 You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. 15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you. 16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, **and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.** 17 **These things I command you, that you love one another.** 18 If the world hate you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. 19

If you were of the world, the world would love his own: but because you are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do to you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. 23 He that hates me hates my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

To abide in God and Jesus Christ and enter the Kingdom of Heaven

1 John 4:12 to 16 (AKJV): 12 No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God stays in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we stay in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God stays in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that stays in love stays in God, and God in him.

In 1 John 4:12 to 16, the Apostle John beautifully articulates the profound connection between love, abiding in God and Jesus Christ, and the assurance of entering the Kingdom of Heaven. This passage highlights the transformative power of love as a sign of our relationship with God and the pathway to eternal life.

Abiding in God through Love:

When we love one another, we are displaying the very essence of God's nature. God is love, and His love is a transformative force that draws us closer to Him. When we choose to love, we are aligning ourselves with God's character, and this act of love becomes a way of abiding in God's

presence. Our love reflects our deep connection to God, and it is through this connection that we experience His grace and guidance in our lives.

Scripture: 1 John 4:12 - “No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

God Abides in Us:

When we love, we open ourselves to the indwelling of God's Spirit within us. Love established by Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit is the Way through which God's presence is manifested in our hearts and lives. As we choose to love and live in a way that reflects God's love, we become vessels through which His love can shine. This abiding presence of God within us is a source of comfort, strength, and transformation.

Scripture: 1 John 4:13 - “This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us His Spirit.”

Assurance of Entering the Kingdom of Heaven:

Loving one another is not just a moral duty; it is a reflection of our relationship with God. When we love, we are aligning ourselves with God's Kingdom values. The Kingdom of Heaven is characterized by love, mercy, compassion, and selflessness. As we embody these qualities, we are not only abiding in God's love but also entering into the very essence of the Kingdom that Jesus preached. It is through our love that we live out the reality of God's Kingdom here on earth, and it is through this love that we find the assurance of eternal life in His presence.

Scripture: 1 John 4:16 - “And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.”

In conclusion, if we love one another, we abide in God and Jesus Christ, and they abide in us. Our love is a testament to our connection with God, an expression of His nature, and a sign that we are citizens of His Kingdom. By living in this love, we find assurance in our relationship with God and the promise of eternal life with Him. Love is the key that unlocks

our fellowship with God, transforms our hearts, and leads us toward the Kingdom of Heaven.

To Fulfill the Law: Romans 13:10 “Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.” Galatians 5:14 “For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

Love fulfills the law because it encompasses and embodies the essence of God’s commandments. The core principles of the law, such as loving God with all our heart and loving our neighbors as ourselves, find their fulfillment in genuine love. Love is the ultimate expression of righteousness, kindness, and compassion that the law aims to promote. When we truly love God and others, we naturally align with the intended purpose of the law, treating others justly, with kindness, compassion and seeking their well-being. Love motivates us to go beyond mere adherence to rules and regulations, driving us to act in ways that honor God and bless those around us. As Jesus affirmed, “All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:40). Love is the foundation on which the entire law is built, making it the fulfillment of God’s righteous requirements. John 4:19 “We love because He first loved us.”

Because Love covers a multitude of our sins

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:8 “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

The phrase “love covers a multitude of sins” is found in 1 Peter 4:8, and it carries significant wisdom. It means that genuine love, both from God and expressed by us towards others, has the power to forgive, overlook, and heal the wrongs or faults committed by others.

When we truly love someone, we choose to emphasize the positive aspects of that person instead of dwelling on their flaws. Love compels us to extend grace and compassion, allowing us to forgive and let go of offenses. It doesn’t mean that we ignore wrongdoing, but it means that love leads us

to prioritize restoration and reconciliation over judgment and condemnation.

God's love, especially, is so vast and profound that it covers our sins through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This perfect love offers forgiveness and redemption, cleansing us from our wrongdoings when we repent and turn to Him. When we extend this same love to others, it creates an environment where relationships can be restored, conflicts can be resolved, and unity can be maintained, even in the face of human imperfections.

In essence, "love covers a multitude of sins" teaches us about the transformative power of love to mend relationships, foster understanding, and allow for growth, both in our relationship with God and with one another. It reminds us that extending love and forgiveness can lead to healing and a greater sense of unity within the human experience.

These verses underscore the centrality of love in our relationships with God and others. They provide a strong foundation for understanding the importance of loving as God commanded and intended, as it aligns with the essence of Christian faith, unity, and the fulfillment of God's commandments.

In summary, we should love as God commanded and intended because it is a commandment from the Lord Himself, it reflects His nature, fulfills our purpose, promotes unity, bears witness to Christ, brings joy and fulfillment, and embodies God's highest commandment. It's a central aspect of living out our faith and being agents of God's love in the world.

How Should we Love God?

How should we express our love, for God and Jesus Christ?

It's essential for us to know How we should express our love for God and Jesus Christ.

The Bible offers clear guidance on how to do so, and the God's Holy Spirit will guide us into all Truth. Our love for God and Jesus should be

characterized by devotion, obedience, gratitude and a deep personal relationship.

1. **Wholehearted Devotion;** Jesus taught that we should love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength (Mark 12;30). This means that our love for God should be genuine and all encompassing. It goes beyond words; it requires a commitment to honor and serve Him in every aspect of our lives.
2. **Obedience;** As Jesus said in John 14;15 “If you love me keep my commands.” Loving God and Jesus means aligning ourselves with their teachings following their commandments and living in a way that pleases them.
3. **Gratitude;** Recognizing the love and grace bestowed upon us by God should fill our hearts with gratitude. The Apostle John emphasizes this beautifully when he says in 1 John 4;19 that “We love because he first loved us.” Our love for God is a response, to His initiating love and the blessings He pours upon us.
4. **Personal Relationship;** Our devotion to God and Jesus should extend beyond rituals; it should be rooted in a profound personal connection. Jesus desires this relationship expressing, “I am the shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me” (John 10;14).
5. **Loving Others;** Jesus emphasized that our love for Him is intertwined with how we love others; “I give you a commandment; Love one another. Just as I have loved you you also are to love one another” (John 13;34). Our love for God becomes evident through our actions. Care towards others.
6. **Sacrifice and Surrender;** Jesus exemplified the expression of love through His death on the cross. He stated, “No one has love than this; to lay down ones life for ones friends” (John 15;13). Our affection, for God and Jesus entails surrendering our lives, desires and aspirations in order to bring them glory.

To present our bodies as Holy living sacrifice: Romans 12:1

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.”

Loving God and Jesus Christ is not just a mere emotion, but a transformative and foundational aspect of the Christian faith. It’s a love that engages our entire being, shaping our thoughts, actions, and relationships. In Mark 12:30, Jesus emphasizes that we should love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. This means our love for God should be all-encompassing, genuine, and undivided. It’s a love that flows from the depths of our hearts, the core of our identity, our regenerated sound minds, and flowing like a river, in our words and actions.

God’s Love, His Word, and Godly Wisdom enlightens the Way before us with clarity and understanding that leads to Life, rather than the darkness of deception and confusion we once were held in bondage to because of sin; We were lost and didn’t realize that the life we were leading, was actually was on the road to spiritual death and destruction; But thank God He called us out and put us on the narrow path that leads to Life in Jesus Christ.

This love isn’t limited to moments of prayer or worship but extends to every facet of our lives, impacting our decisions, motivations, and priorities.

Our love for God is intrinsically linked to our obedience. Jesus emphasizes this connection in John 14:15 when He says, “If you love me, keep my commands.” Our love is an active expression of our commitment to align our lives with God’s will. It’s a love that seeks to live in harmony with His teachings, seeking to please Him, and finding joy in following His ways.

Moreover, our love for God is grounded in gratitude. 1 John 4:19 beautifully captures this: “We love because he first loved us.” We recognize the incredible love and grace that God has lavished upon us. Our response

is a heartfelt gratitude that increases our love for Him. We understand that everything good in our lives originates from Him, and this gratitude blossoms into love.

This love isn't merely a one-sided affair; it's a personal relationship. In John 10:14, Jesus describes Himself as the good shepherd who knows His sheep, and His sheep know Him. This intimacy is what He desires with each of us. It's a relationship of trust, communion, and a profound understanding of His character and ways.

Our love for God is also intricately tied to how we love others. John 13:34 reveals Jesus' command: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Our love for God should be evident in how we treat, serve, and care for others. It's a love that goes beyond words, seeking to meet the needs of those around us.

Furthermore, loving God involves sacrifice and surrender. In John 15:13, Jesus explains, "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Our love for God and Jesus is marked by a willingness to surrender our desires, ambitions, our selfish desires and pleasures, and even our lives in obedience to His will. We begin to understand what it means to Love, by Love and life that Jesus Christ lived and gave at the cross for us, whom were so unworthy and destitute, yet He gave us the free gift of salvation and eternal Life.

In conclusion, loving God and Jesus Christ is a multifaceted, life-transforming commitment. It encompasses the entirety of our being, obedience to His commandments, gratitude, a personal relationship, love for others, and sacrificial surrender. This love defines our faith, shaping us into vessels of His grace and vessels of love in a world that desperately needs it.

In summary, loving God and Jesus Christ involves wholehearted devotion, obedience, gratitude, building a personal relationship, loving others, and embracing sacrificial surrender. These aspects of love form the

foundation of a vibrant and fulfilling spiritual life, reflecting the profound love that God has shown us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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LIST OF LOVE -

God's Holy Spirit will teach all genuine followers of Jesus Christ the Truth of God's Love, just HOW we should Love one another, if we continue in God's Word and not harden our hearts. So this List of Love is not intended to be all inclusive;

Establishing and refining the Spiritual Fruit of Love in our lives is the work of the Holy Spirit. We are just to respond and as the Holy Spirit convicts our hearts and enables us to do that which are the Ways that Jesus Christ Loved us and both Jesus and Apostles instructed us, not only to believe in and to have faith for, but to do. Nothing is impossible as we submit to God and trust Him while under His Grace when we fail, God continues to sanctify and regenerate our lives to produce good fruit as we purpose to submit to God, and die to ourselves. As Disciples of Jesus Christ we are to learn What true Love is from God's Word and give God's divine Love, as He intended, as God works in us and through us to others, and most of all to Love God, to His Glory.

Every Christian should purpose each day to demonstrate God's Love in some way as Jesus did...

At the heart of the Christian faith lies the profound and enduring message of God's love as exemplified through the life of Jesus Christ. The essence of this message can be encapsulated in the simple yet powerful call for believers to daily emulate the love that Jesus demonstrated during his life on earth. The act of purposefully embodying God's love in our daily lives serves not only as a reflection of our faith but also as a means of fulfilling our role as Christ's disciples on this earth.

Every Christian is presented with the divine opportunity to extend love, compassion, and kindness to those around them, much like how Jesus did during his ministry. This command to love others as oneself is woven into the fabric of the Christian ethos, and it's a principle that transcends time and cultural boundaries. It's not just about the grand gestures, but also the smaller, everyday acts of grace that create a ripple effect of life changing goodness and bring the essence of God's love to life.

As we embark on each new day, we are reminded of the transformative potential inherent in our interactions and actions. In the spirit of Christian devotion, purposefully demonstrating God's love becomes a guiding principle for navigating the challenges and joys of life. It is a deliberate choice to infuse our relationships, decisions, and endeavors with the same love that Christ showed to all he encountered. By doing so, we become living testimonies of faith and vessels through which God's divine love can shine forth.

In a world often fraught with division, discord, and suffering, the Christian's commitment to embodying God's love takes on added significance. Through acts of compassion, forgiveness, and selflessness, we contribute to the healing and restoration of a broken world. This undertaking isn't limited by circumstances, but rather, it serves as a constant reminder that even in the midst of life's complexities, we can be instruments of God's love, extending care, kindness, grace and hope to those in need.

In conclusion, As we as Christians purpose to Love one another as Jesus taught, lived and demonstrated, this will unite Christian believers into the same Faith, and draw people to God the Son Jesus Christ, and to God the Father, from every place around the world. Our love for one another is a testament to the enduring relevance of Christ's teachings, which continue to inspire and guide countless individuals in their pursuit of a life reflective of God's love. Through our intentional efforts to mirror Christ's love, we not only deepen our personal connection with God but also contribute to a

world that yearns for the transformative power of genuine, selfless love, that God has shown us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

God's Love encompasses everything that is good and holy.

Jesus Loved us in the following ways and we should purpose to Love one another in all these ways as well, as God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Apostles taught, instructed and commanded; by the power and strength from God's Holy Spirit; And if and when we should fail or sin at any time, we should, repent, abide in God's Grace, and continue to Love. God's Love is only possible by God working in our lives.

As we grow in the knowledge of His Love, and by Faith demonstrate His Love each day as He reveals and enable us, we can truly be Light in a dark world, and give God all the Glory.

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Love is to Love others as Jesus Loved us:

Love can be understood as a reflection of how Jesus loved us:

It involves loving others unselfishly just as Jesus exemplified by sacrificing His life for us.

According to John 13:34,35 Jesus gave a commandment; to love one another. He emphasized that we should love others in the way He loved us. This love should be evident, in our actions and behavior towards one another serving as a sign that we're His disciples.

1 Corinthians 13:1 to 13 (AKJV): 1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing. 4 Love suffers long, and is

kind; love envies not; love vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.13 And now stays faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Love is being Kind:

Kindness is an aspect of love. It entails showing goodness, consideration and acts of kindness towards others. In Ephesians 4:32 we are encouraged to be kind and compassionate to one another following the example set by Christ who forgave us.

Love is being Compassionate:

Compassion is another component of love. It involves empathizing with others and showing care during their times of need. As mentioned in Colossians 3;12 Gods chosen people are urged to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Love is being a Servant:

Love also calls us to be servants. This means serving others and prioritizing their needs above our interests or desires. Mark 10:45 highlights that even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give His life as a ransom, for many.

Love is being Gentle:

Love embodies gentleness, which entails treating others with care and consideration. As stated in Philippians 4:5 it is important for our gentle nature to be evident, to everyone because the Lord is always near.

Love is Being Humble:

Being humble is another aspect of love, where one maintains an attitude and avoids thinking highly of oneself. Romans 12:3 reminds us not to overestimate our worth but instead judge ourselves with a mind and in line with the faith that God has bestowed upon each individual.

Love is Obeying God:

To love means to obey God's commands as an expression of our love and reverence for Him. This sentiment is beautifully captured in John 14:15 when Jesus says, "If you love me keep my commands."

Loving God involves dedicating our being—heart, soul, mind and strength—to Him:

Mark 12:30 emphasizes this devotion by instructing us to love the Lord with all aspects of our being.

Loving God is worshipping Him and offering adoration:

This entails expressing reverence and devotion, towards the Almighty.

Scripture; Psalm 95:6 "Let us come together and humbly worship, kneeling before our Lord who created us."

Love is to not worship other gods:

Love is about remaining loyal, to God alone and not succumbing to influences or man made doctrines that may lead us astray.

Scripture; Exodus 20:3,4 "You shall prioritize no gods above me. Do not create any idols in the likeness of anything from heaven, earth or water."

Love is being a Faithful Servant with the Talents that God Gives:

Love is exemplified by using the talents and gifts bestowed upon us by God to serve His purposes.

Scripture; Matthew 25:23. “The master commended his servant saying, ‘Well done diligent servant! You have shown commitment, in handling a things; now I will entrust you with responsibilities.. Rejoice in the joy of your master!’”

Love is to Bear Much Good Spiritual Fruit:

Love is demonstrated by bearing fruit, which refers to developing godly character and expressing it through righteous actions.

Scripture; John 15:8. “By bearing fruit in your lives showcasing yourselves as my disciples you bring glory to my Father.”

Love is to Lay Down One’s Life for His Friends:

Love entails being willing to sacrifice ones life for the sake of a friend.

This entails being willing to make sacrifices for the well being of others.

Scripture; John 15:13. “There is no greater love than this; to lay down ones life for ones friends.”

Love is Keeping the Commandments of Jesus Christ:

Love means following the teachings and commands of Jesus out of affection for Him.

Scripture; 1 John 5:3. “In reality this is how we demonstrate our love for God; by obeying His commands.. His commands are not burdensome.”

Love is Being Honest:

Love means practicing honesty by speaking the truth and being truthful in all our interactions.

Scripture; Ephesians 4:25 “Therefore each of you must renounce falsehood. Speak honestly with your neighbors for we are all part of one community.”

Love is Showing Integrity:

Love means living a life characterized by honesty and moral uprightness.

Scripture; Psalm 25:21 “May integrity and uprightness protect me because my hope, Lord is in You.”

Love is Declaring The Truth:

Love means proclaiming the truth of Gods Word to others.

Scripture; Ephesians 4:15. “Instead let us speak the truth in love and grow together as a body, under Christs headship.”

Love is Being Charitable with the Right Motive of Heart:

This involves demonstrating kindness and providing assistance, with the right motive of heart, to those who are in a position of need.

Even if one were to donate all their possessions to the less fortunate or endure hardships, for the sake of boasting, without love, these actions hold no value.

Scripture; 1 Corinthians 13:3 “If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.”

Love is Preaching the Good News:

Love encompasses sharing the good news and spreading the message of salvation and hope found in Jesus Christ.

According to Mark 16:15 Jesus instructs his followers to go out into the world and proclaim the gospel to all people.

Love does not Mock the Poor:

Another aspect of love is treating every individual with respect and dignity irrespective of their circumstances. This means refraining from mocking or belittling those who're less fortunate.

Proverbs 17:5 mentions that whoever derides or takes pleasure in someone Misfortune displays contempt for their Creator. Such behavior will not go unpunished.

Love Esteems Another Person More Highly Than Oneself:

This means valuing a person's life above one's own interests, with humility.

Scripture: Philippians 2:3 - “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.”

Love Your Enemies; This signifies the act of displaying kindness and forgiveness towards those who oppose or mistreat you. According to the Scripture, in Matthew 5:44 it states, “But I urge you love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

Love Forgives a Wrong Done; This means making the decision to forgive and let go of any resentment when someone has wronged us. As mentioned in Colossians 3:13 it says, “Bear with one another. Forgive each other if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

Love Does Not Keep Track of Wrongs; This indicates not holding grudges or maintaining a record of offenses. As stated in 1 Corinthians 13:5 “It does not dishonor others it is not self seeking it is not easily angered it does not keep score of wrongdoing.”

Love Offers Comfort; This means providing solace, encouragement and support to those who are experiencing pain or distress. In 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 it affirms this notion by saying, “Praise be, to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—the Father who shows compassion and offers

comfort to us in all our troubles so that we can extend that comfort to others in any kind of trouble.”

Love Mends the Broken Hearts of Others;

This involves the act of comforting those who are emotionally wounded and offering support to those who’re, in pain. In Psalm 34:18 it is written that “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit “ emphasizing the importance of being for others during their times.

Love is to Visit the Sick:

Love also manifests itself through visiting and providing care for individuals who’re unwell. James 5:14 highlights this aspect by urging individuals to call upon the church elders, for prayer and anointing with oil in the name of the Lord when someone is sick.

Love is To Visit Those In Prison:

Another expression of love is reaching out to those who are imprisoned offering them support and sharing God’s love. Matthew 25:36 describes how clothing the naked tending to the visiting prisoners exemplify this act of compassion.

Love Feeds The Hungry and Gives Aid:

Furthermore love extends to feeding those who suffer from hunger. As stated in Matthew 25:35 providing food for the hungry is a way to meet their needs.

Love is To Take In The Stranger:

Love encompasses showing hospitality. Care towards strangers in need of shelter and support.

Hebrews 13:2 reminds us of the importance of being hospitable, to strangers as sometimes we may unknowingly extend our hospitality to

angels. It serves as a reminder to always be kind and welcoming to those we encounter even if they are unfamiliar, to us.

Love Endures All Things; This implies the ability to persevere through challenges, trials and difficult circumstances, with patience and unwavering determination. The scripture in 1 Corinthians 13:7 states “It always protects, trusts, hopes, always perseveres.”

Love Hopes All Things; This signifies maintaining an hopeful outlook by having trust and faith in God of the situation. According to the scripture in 1 Corinthians 13:7 “It always protects, always trusts, hopes, always perseveres.”

Love is Striving for Unity; This means putting effort into fostering unity and harmony among believers. As stated in Ephesians 4:3 scripture “Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”

Love is Respecting Parents; This entails showing honor, respect and care, towards ones parents. As mentioned in Exodus 20:12 scripture,”Honor your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

Love is Being a Friend; This involves offering companionship, support. Care to others within a friendship. Proverbs 17:17 scripture says,”A friend loves at all times; a brother is born for adversity.”

Love is Being Generous To Give:

Love encompasses generosity and a willingness to assist those, in need. As mentioned in Matthew 5:42 it encourages us to give when asked and not turn away those seeking our support.

Love Your Family:

Showing love, care and support for our family members is an aspect of love. However it is crucial to prioritize our love for God above all else. Ephesians 5:25 reminds husbands to love their wives just as Christ loved the church. Sacrificed himself for her.

Love Your Children:

Caring for our children with love involves nurturing them providing guidance and ensuring their well being. Ephesians 6:4 advises fathers not to provoke or frustrate their children. Instead raise them in the teachings of the Lord.

Love is To Encourage Others:

Love also manifests in uplifting others through words of encouragement. As stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 we are encouraged to build each other up and inspire one another.

Love is Being Hospitable:

Another aspect of love is being hospitable—welcoming guests warmly and meeting their needs with generosity. Romans 12:13 emphasizes the importance of sharing with those, in need among the Lord's people while practicing hospitality.

Love Overlooks The Offenses Of Others:

Love has the power to forgive and overlook the faults and mistakes of others as mentioned in Proverbs 10:12. "When we hold onto hatred it only fuels conflict. Love has the ability to cover up all wrongs."

Love Gives More Than What Is Asked:

Love goes beyond obligation. Gives generously to fulfill the needs of others. In Matthew 5:42 it is stated, "When someone asks for help or seeks to borrow from us let's not turn them away but give generously."

Love Makes Disciples Of Jesus Christ:

One of the expressions of love is found in making disciples of Jesus Christ by leading others to follow His teachings. Matthew 28:19,20 emphasizes this by saying, "Let's go out into all nations and baptize them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We should also teach them

everything that Jesus has commanded us because He promises to be, with us until the end of time.”

Love is Doing Missions Work:

Engaging in mission work showcases love by spreading Christ's message among people, from backgrounds. Romans 10:14,15 poses questions; “How can people believe in someone they have not heard about?. How can they hear without someone sharing and preaching God's word?”

Who can proclaim unless they have been commissioned? As the scripture says; “The feet of those who bring news are truly lovely!”

Love is to Let the Light of Jesus Christ to Shine Forth From Your Life:

Love entails allowing Jesus Christ, and His goodness, to shine through our lives so that it influences the world around us. As mentioned in Matthew 5:16 we should strive to let our light shine before others by demonstrating our good deeds to others and ultimately bringing glory to our Father.

Love is Being Spiritually Minded:

This means prioritizing godly matters and actively seeking spiritual growth. Colossians 3:2 advises us to set our minds on things above, than being consumed by earthly concerns or being distracted by carnal thoughts.

Love is to Speak Maturity With Godly Wisdom and Pure Speech:

Having speech entails speaking with sincerity, kindness and integrity. According to Colossians 4:6 our conversations should always be filled with grace. Seasoned with wisdom enabling us to respond correctly to everyone whom we encounter.

Love is Being Sexually Moral:

Maintaining purity and adhering to God's intended design, for relationships characterizes morality. As stated in 1 Thessalonians 4:3,4 it is

Gods will for us to lead sanctified lives by avoiding immorality. Additionally we are encouraged to exercise self control over our bodies in a manner that's holy and honorable.

Love is Fidelity In Marriage:

Love encompasses fidelity in marriage, which entails remaining loyal and devoted, to ones spouse. As stated in Hebrews 13:4 it emphasizes the importance of honoring marriage and maintaining purity within the relationship. God will judge those who engage in adultery or any form of immorality.

Love is Being Content, Love does not Envy:

Another aspect of love is finding contentment. Not harboring envy towards others. As mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13:4 love is patient, kind, free from envy, boasting and pride. It entails being satisfied, with what one possesses without desiring what others have.

Love is Being Thankful to God and expressing Gratitude:

Expressing gratitude to God for His blessings and provisions is also a part of love. In Colossians 3:15 it encourages letting the peace of Christ rule our hearts as members of one body and being thankful.

Love is not arrogant and does not Parade itself:

Love does not parade itself (Love is, about having a contrite spirit). In the book of Philippians 2:3 it says, “Do nothing out of ambition or vain conceit. Instead value others above yourselves. Practice humility.”

Love does not pass judgment on others:

Love is about trusting God's judgment. As mentioned in Matthew 7:1,2 it says, “Do not judge others for you will be judged in the way. The measure you use to judge others will be used to judge you.”

Love involves greeting others with kindness and warmth: In Romans 16:16 it says, “Greet one another with a kiss. All the churches of Christ

send their greetings.”

Love means being patient and slow, to anger: Proverbs 14:29 states that “Whoever is patient has understanding. Those who are quick tempered display foolishness.”

Love entails rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. It means sharing in the emotions and experiences of others. Romans 12:15 “ Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those mourn.”

Love is Being Without Hypocrisy:

Love encompasses emotions and sincerity, without any pretense or hypocrisy.:As mentioned in Romans 12:9 love should be heartfelt and sincere, with a detestation towards evil while clinging firmly to goodness.

Love does not Return Evil for Evil:

Responding to harm with kindness and forgiveness is an aspect of love. Then retaliating with evil Romans 12:17 advises us to act rightly in the sight of everyone refraining from repaying evil for evil.

Love is Not Being Anxious or to Worry:

Love encourages us not to succumb to anxiety or worry but instead trust in Gods care and provision. Philippians 4:6,7 reminds us that through prayer, petition and gratitude we can present our requests, before God. In return His incomprehensible peace will safeguard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Love is Giving with the Right Motives:

Giving with intentions and selflessness exemplifies love. According to 2 Corinthians 9:7 each person should give willingly from their heart without reluctance or compulsion because God loves those who give cheerfully.

Love Suffers Various Trials:

Love entails enduring trials, persecutions and insults for the sake of righteousness. According to Matthew 5:10-12 those who are persecuted

because of their commitment, to righteousness are blessed, as they will inherit the kingdom of heaven. Additionally, when people insult or falsely accuse you because of your faith in me. Be glad for a great reward awaits you in heaven. Remember that the prophets who came before you also faced persecution.

Love is to be Awake and to Beware:

Love involves being awake and vigilant, in your journey. As stated in 1 Peter 5:8 stay alert. Maintain a mind because your adversary, the devil roams around like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

Love is to Deny One's Self:

Love means denying ones desires and interests for the sake of God and others. Jesus emphasized this in Matthew 16:24 when he instructed his disciples that anyone who wants to follow him must deny themselves carry their cross and walk alongside him.

Love requires discipline: exercising self control and obedience to Gods Word.

The Bible passage, in Hebrews 12:11 reminds us that discipline may not be enjoyable in the moment. It ultimately leads to righteousness and peace for those who embrace it.

Love is to Flee from Evil:

One way we can show our love for God is by avoiding and rejecting all forms of evil as stated in 1 Thessalonians 5:22.

Love is Being a Peacemaker:

Being a peacemaker is another aspect of love. We are called to promote harmony and reconciliation, among people just like Matthew 5:9 tells us.

Love is Being-Mild Tempered:

To demonstrate love we should also strive to maintain a gentle disposition as mentioned in James 3:17. This means being pure peace

loving, considerate, merciful, impartial and sincere.

Love is Having a Quiet Spirit, not Loud and Defiant:

Having a quiet spirit is an aspect of displaying love. It involves possessing a peaceful demeanor rather than being argumentative or quarrelsome. According to 1 Peter 3:4 this gentle and quiet spirit holds value in God's eyes.

Love is Being Faithful to Keep Jesus' Commandments:

Love entails being devoted to following Jesus' commandments and emulating his teachings. This involves staying committed and obedient to the principles and example set by Jesus. As stated in John 14:15 "If you love me keep my commands."

Love Visits and Cares for Widows and Orphans:

Love also encompasses caring for widows and orphans demonstrating compassion and support towards those who're vulnerable or in need. In James 1:27 it is mentioned that true religion accepted by God involves tending to the distress of orphans and widows while keeping oneself untainted by influences.

Love Submits To One Another as to Christ:

Furthermore love entails considering the needs and preferences of others before our interests. Ephesians 5:21 emphasizes the importance of submission out of reverence for Christ.

Love is Being Steadfast in Doing God's Will:

Moreover love means remaining in carrying out God's will without wavering. It requires a dedication to fulfilling God's purposes and desires as mentioned in 1 Corinthians 15:58. "my dear brothers and sisters stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

Love is Giving True Balance In Measure:

Love encompasses maintaining fairness and justice in all interactions and transactions; ensuring that there is a balance, in how we treat others.

Leviticus 19:36 advises us to utilize honest measures, in our dealings demonstrating integrity and righteousness. It emphasizes the importance of maintaining fairness in matters such as weights, dry measurements (like the unit known as ephah) and liquid measurements (such as the ancient Hebrew unit called hin). This guidance comes from the LORD, who rescued us from Egypt.

Love is to Honor and Respect God's Holy Spirit:

An essential aspect of love is showing honor and respect towards the Holy Spirit. This involves recognizing and appreciating the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In 1 Corinthians 6:19,20 we are reminded that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who resides within us as a gift from God. Therefore we should not consider ourselves entirely independent but rather recognize that we have been purchased at a price. Consequently we are encouraged to honor God by how we treat our bodies.

Love Does The Will Of God:

Another manifestation of love is aligning our actions and decisions with Gods will. By doing according to 1 John 2:17 we partake in something everlasting while acknowledging that worldly desires eventually fade away. Those who choose to follow Gods will embrace an existence.

Love is Demonstrating Patience, Not Anxiousness:

Philippians 4:5 urges us to display gentleness towards everyone since it serves as evidence of our faithfulness, in light of knowing that the Lords presence is near.

Love is Being Straightforward, Not Charming:

Love means being honest and direct without trying to manipulate others. As mentioned in Proverbs 12:22 “The LORD dislikes speech. He delights in those who are trustworthy.”

Love is Not Complaining:

Love involves avoiding a discontented attitude. In Philippians 2:14,15 it is advised to “do everything without grumbling or arguing so that you may become blameless and pure as ‘children of God without fault in an crooked generation.’ Then you will shine like stars, in the sky.”

Love is Not Contentious:

It is important to steer clear of conflicts and disputes. Proverbs 17:14 compares starting a quarrel, to breaching a dam; therefore it's wise to drop the matter before a dispute erupts.

Love Does Not Compromise:

Love requires staying true to ones convictions and principles when faced with challenges. Romans 12:2 advises not conforming to the worlds ways. Being transformed by renewing our minds. This enables us to discern Gods pleasing and perfect will.

Love Is Not Prideful or Conceited:

Avoiding pride and self centeredness is an aspect of love. Romans 12:16 encourages us to live in harmony with one another.

Don't let pride get in the way. Be open, to connecting with people from all walks of life.. Don't let arrogance cloud your judgment.”

Love is Not Conformed To The World:

Love should not conform to the standards; this means not adopting values and behaviors that go against Gods teachings. As it says in Romans 12:2 “Don't follow the ways of this world. Instead let your mind be

transformed. Then you will be able to discern and embrace God's pleasing and perfect will."

Love Is To Receive Godly Counsel:

Love involves seeking and appreciating advice; this means seeking wisdom and guidance, from those who live according to God's principles. Proverbs 19:20 advises us to "listen to advice and accept discipline; in the end you'll be counted among the wise."

Love Is Doing Everything By Faith:

Love is expressed through a trust, in God guiding and empowering our lives. As mentioned in Romans 14:23 any actions not rooted in faith are considered sinful.

Love is Fasting In A True Manner:

True fasting entails a heart that seeks communion with God and aligns with His plan. In Matthew 6:16-18 Jesus advises against putting on a show while fasting as hypocrites do. Instead we should maintain an appearance so that our fast remains between us and God. He sees our devotion. Rewards us accordingly.

Love Is Not a Friend To The World:

Being a friend to the world conflicts with God's will; it involves getting entangled in values and pursuits. James 4:4 warns against behavior emphasizing that friendship with the world creates enmity with God.

Love Does Not Gossip:

Love refrains from engaging in gossip or spreading rumors, about others.

This implies refraining from spreading negative information, about others. In Proverbs 16:28 it is mentioned that a person who stirs up conflict and engages in gossip can create a rift among friends.

Love is Generous, Not Greedy:

Love is characterized by generosity than greediness. It involves having a giving heart and not being driven by desires for wealth or possessions. In the book of 2 Corinthians 9:7 it is stated that each individual should give willingly and from the heart without reluctance or compulsion for God cherishes those who give cheerfully.

Love Does Not Divorce:

Love emphasizes the importance of honoring the commitment of marriage and avoiding its dissolution. As mentioned in the book of Malachi God warns against hating and divorcing ones spouse as it brings harm to both parties involved. Therefore one should be vigilant and faithful in their relationship. Malachi 2:16

Love Is Making Your Yes Be Yes, and You No Be No:

Love entails being truthful and reliable in our communication and commitments. According to Matthew 5:37 one should simply let their “Yes” mean “Yes” and their “No” mean “No.” Anything, beyond this can be attributed to untruthfulness or deceitfulness.

Love is Not Being A Stumbling Block:

Love entails refraining from actions or behaviors that lead others astray from their faith, in God. As stated in 1 Corinthians 8:9 it is crucial to exercise our rights with caution so as not to become stumbling blocks for the ones among us.

Love is Being Diligent, Not Lazy:

Love involves displaying acts of kindness and avoiding laziness. Proverbs 13:4 emphasizes that those who are lazy never find satisfaction whereas the diligent have their desires fulfilled.

Love is Being Cordial, Not Rude:

Love means treating others with politeness, respect and consideration in all our interactions. As mentioned in 1 Peter 3:8-9 we should strive to be like minded, sympathetic, compassionate and humble. Of returning evil for evil or insults for insults we are called to respond with blessings so that we may inherit a blessing ourselves.

Love Is Tenderhearted:

Love encompasses having a nature—an empathetic heart towards others. Ephesians 4:32 encourages us to be kind forgiving one another just as God forgave us through Christ.

Love is Being Thankful to God:

Love entails expressing gratitude, towards God for His blessings. This involves showing appreciation and recognizing the blessings bestowed by a power. In the Bible, Colossians 3:17 states, “Whatever you do whether in speech or action do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

WHO should we Love ?

We should LOVE God, one another, our neighbors, our enemies, other Christians, those throughout the world, our parents, our husbands and wives, our children, etc.

Have you ever wondered what your purpose in life is ? - Well it's to Love God with all of our heart, mind, and strength and to love one another as we would love ourselves.....

God has so greatly Loved us, in providing salvation for us from evil and spiritual death and has given us the opportunity to receive eternal life through Jesus Christ;

We should Love GOD

Mark 12:28 to 30 AKJV 28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? 29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength: this is the first commandment.

Deuteronomy 10:12-19 AKJV 12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command you this day for your good? 14 Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's your God, the earth also, with all that therein is. 15 Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff necked. 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regards not persons, nor takes reward: 18 He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love you therefore the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Matthew 6:24 AKJV 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

We should Love ONE ANOTHER

John 13:34-35 (AKJV): 34 A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

We should Love and Care for the children of God, and those in the Church, and share God's Word

John 21:15-21 AKJV 15 So when they had dined, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, love you me more than these? He said to him, Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. He said to him, Feed my lambs. 16 He said to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, love you me? He said to him, Yes, Lord; you know that I love you. He said to him, Feed my sheep. 17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, love you me? Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, Love you me? And he said to him, Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you. Jesus said to him, Feed my sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say to you, When you were young, you gird yourself, and walked where you would: but when you shall be old, you shall stretch forth your hands, and another shall gird you, and carry you where you would not. 19 This spoke he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he said to him, Follow me. 20 Then Peter, turning about, sees the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrays you? 21 Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

We should Love our NEIGHBORS

Mark 12:31 (AKJV): 31 And the second is like, namely this, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Luke 10:27 to 37 AKJV 27 And he answering said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. 28 And he said to him, You have answered right: this do, and you shall live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came

down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the Morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said to him, Take care of him; and whatever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you. 36 Which now of these three, think you, was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus to him, Go, and do you likewise.

Leviticus 19:18 (AKJV): 18 You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

James 2:8 (AKJV): 8 If you fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, You shall love your neighbor as yourself, you do well:

Husbands Love your WIVES

Ephesians 5:25 (AKJV): 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Ephesians 5:33 (AKJV): 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

We should Love our ENEMIES

In order for us to fulfill God's commandment to Love one another, we must not neglect to Love our enemies.

If any non-christian or even a Christian was unkind to you, or was rude to you, or falsely accused you, or gossiped about you or took advantage of you, or was strifeful towards you, or was without understanding or had no

concern about you, or neglected you, or was indifferent towards you,... regardless of whatever evil they did to you, you must forgive them, and not hate them; You must have mercy towards them and not take revenge, and God will have mercy on you. This does not mean you have to agree with the wrong that they did but we still must love our enemies. Neither do you need to support nor further encourage, nor allow your enemy to take advantage of you, without you given correction or reproof.

The reason why we must love and bless our enemies, is for the hope that through the love that we give, that their life might be changed to love others also. However even if they choose not to change still God is glorified in the love that we gave, and we have not lost our reward. (Luke 6:35) If we are unforgiving and unloving towards our enemies this causes all kinds of evil to grow in the world and also causes divisions and dissensions in the Body of Christ. Again, even though we must Love our enemies, this does not mean we should ever condone any evil that they did.

Overcome evil with good and not by evil.

How should we Love our enemies?

KEY SCRIPTURES

Luke 6:27-34 AKJV 27 But I say to you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you, 28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which spitefully use you. 29 And to him that smites you on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that takes away your cloak forbid not to take your coat also. 30 Give to every man that asks of you; and of him that takes away your goods ask them not again. 31 And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise. 32 For if you love them which love you, what thank have you? for sinners also love those that love them. 33 And if you do good to them which do good to you, what thank have you? for sinners also do even the same. 34 And if you lend to them of whom you hope to receive, what thank have you? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

We should Love Foreigners

Deuteronomy 10:18 & 19 AKJV 18 He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love you therefore the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

WHEN should we Love ?

Proverbs 17:17 (AKJV): 17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Always: The Bible encourages us to love at all times. One of the most well-known passages on love is found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, which describes the characteristics of love, including its patience, kindness, and lack of envy. This implies that love should be a constant attitude in our interactions with others.

When we Speak, In Our Words: Colossians 4:6 tells us, “Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Love should shape our words, promoting understanding and unity rather than division.

In Times of Conflict: Romans 12:18 encourages us, “If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” Love should guide our responses during conflicts or disagreements, promoting reconciliation and understanding.

When Correcting and Rebuking: Love is not just about warm feelings; it includes guiding and correcting others. Ephesians 4:15 instructs us to speak the truth in love, growing together in unity and maturity.

When we are relating to our family members:

- Ephesians 5:25-33
- Colossians 3:18-21
- 1 Timothy 5:8
- Proverbs 22:6
- 1 Peter 3:7

When we serve in the church:

- 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- Romans 12:4-8
- Ephesians 4:11-13
- Hebrews 6:10
- Galatians 5:13

When we serve others outside the church:

- Matthew 25:35-40
- Luke 6:35
- Galatians 6:10
- 1 Peter 4:10
- Romans 12:13

When we minister to others:

- Mark 10:43-45
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 20:24

When we share the Good News of Jesus Christ:

- Mark 16:15
- Matthew 28:19-20
- Romans 10:14-15
- 2 Timothy 4:2
- 1 Peter 3:15

When we relate to our fellow Christians in public and private:

- John 13:34-35
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- 1 John 1:7
- Galatians 6:2
- Colossians 3:16

During Trials and Persecutions: James 1:2-3 encourages us to consider it pure joy when we face trials, as they produce perseverance. Love should guide us even in challenging times, helping us respond with patience and compassion.

WHAT should we Love ?

What we should Love is closely related to How should we Love, and what should we desire and do as Christians and Disciple of Jesus Christ. These are what God finds favorable and takes joy in, and we should Love

and do whatever that are mentioned in the Bible as good facets of a Christian's character.

God is Love, and all of us should Love What God Loves and holds in high esteem and delights in; We are 'not required' to consciously per se Love everything as outlined in the following, rather these virtues and things that are associated with God and our relationship with Him that become spiritually natural and inherent as we mature in Him, and truly Love God and Love one another as Jesus Christ.

Psalm 119:47 (AKJV): 47 And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I have loved.

- Love sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world and witnessing lives saved and transformed by God's love. (Romans 5:8)
- Love observing and making good decisions and sound judgments. (Proverbs 2:7)
- Love seeing good behavior reflecting Christ's character. (Colossians 3:12)
- Love witnessing a strong and positive witness for Christ. (Matthew 5:16)
- Love recognizing and upholding truth in all situations. (John 8:32)
- Love seeing others exercise their faith in God's promises. (Hebrews 11:6)
- Love encountering good teachers who lead others in truth. (2 Timothy 2:2)
- Love learning from and observing good role models who exemplify Christ-likeness. (1 Corinthians 11:1)
- Love witnessing children and youth growing in maturity and faith. (Proverbs 22:6)
- Love witnessing individuals living out a good testimony of Christ. (1 Peter 2:12)

- Love being encouraged by a good report and testimony of God's love and work in someone's life. (Psalm 66:16)
- Love charity and generosity to those in need (1 Corinthians 13:3)
- Love goodness and kindness. (Psalm 23:6)
- Love wisdom and seek it diligently. (Proverbs 4:7)
- Love righteousness in Christ. (Psalm 45:7)
- Love holiness and strive for it. (Hebrews 12:14)
- Love honesty and truthfulness. (Ephesians 4:25)
- Love moral excellence and purity. (Philippians 4:8)
- Love integrity and honesty in all dealings. (Proverbs 11:3)
- Love trusting in God's plans and purposes. (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- Love endurance and perseverance in trials. (James 1:12)
- Love overcoming and conquering challenges. (1 John 5:4)
- Love bridling your tongue and speaking with wisdom. (James 1:26)
- Love compassion and showing mercy to others. (Colossians 3:12)
- Love meekness and humility. (Colossians 3:12)
- Love self-control and discipline. (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Love forgiveness and extend it to others. (Ephesians 4:32)
- Love responsibility and accountability. (Galatians 6:5)
- Love fellowship with believers and building each other up. (Hebrews 10:25)
- Love ministering to others and meeting their needs. (Matthew 25:40)
- Love worshiping God with all your heart. (John 4:24)
- Love serving others with humility. (Mark 10:43-45)
- Love caring for others and being attentive to their needs. (Philippians 2:4)
- Love helping others and showing practical kindness. (Galatians 6:10)

- Love praying for others and interceding on their behalf. (1 Timothy 2:1)
- Love fairness and treating others justly. (Micah 6:8)
- Love being forgiving and extending grace. (Ephesians 4:32)
- Love showing mercy and compassion. (Luke 6:36)
- Love kindness and showing it to others. (Ephesians 4:32)
- Love courage and boldness in the face of challenges. (Joshua 1:9)
- Love loyalty and faithfulness to God and others. (Proverbs 3:3)
- Love generosity and giving freely. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)
- Love faith and trust in God's promises. (Hebrews 11:6)
- Love diligence and putting effort into your work. (Proverbs 12:24)
- Love modesty and humility in your actions. (1 Timothy 2:9-10)
- Love trustworthiness and being reliable. (Proverbs 25:13)
- Love prudence and making wise decisions. (Proverbs 14:15)
- Love being a peacemaker and reconciling conflicts. (Matthew 5:9)
- Love empathy and understanding others' feelings. (Romans 12:15)
- Love commitment and standing firm in your beliefs. (1 Corinthians 16:13)
- Love benevolence and showing kindness. (Luke 6:35)
- Love decisiveness and making choices based on God's will. (Joshua 24:15)
- Love patience and enduring with grace. (James 5:10-11)
- Love being hopeful and encouraging to others. (Romans 15:13)
- Love contentment and being satisfied in God. (Philippians 4:11-13)
- Love building genuine friendships and cultivating meaningful relationships. (Proverbs 17:17)
- Love putting others first and considering their needs above your own. (Philippians 2:3-4)

- Love unselfishness and being willing to sacrifice for others. (1 John 3:16-18)
- Love expressing gratitude and thankfulness to God and others. (Colossians 3:15)
- Love comforting those who are hurting or grieving. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- Love keeping promises and being faithful in your commitments. (Matthew 5:37)
- Love visiting and caring for the sick, imprisoned, or lonely. (Matthew 25:36)
- Love confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior openly. (Romans 10:9-10)
- Love proclaiming Jesus and His teachings boldly. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Love proclaiming the Good News of salvation to the lost. (Mark 16:15)
- Love being a witness for Christ and sharing your faith. (Acts 1:8)
- Love ministering to others' spiritual and physical needs. (1 Peter 4:10-11)
- Love showing hospitality and welcoming others into your home. (Romans 12:13)
- Love being hospitable and showing kindness to strangers. (Hebrews 13:2)
- Love being compassionate and empathetic towards others. (Colossians 3:12)
- Love seeking justice and standing up for those who are oppressed. (Micah 6:8)
- Love praying for others and interceding on their behalf. (James 5:16)
- Love being humble and recognizing your need for God's grace. (James 4:6)
- Love speaking words of encouragement and edification. (Ephesians 4:29)

- Love being a peacemaker and resolving conflicts. (Romans 12:18)
- Love forgiving others as Christ forgave you. (Colossians 3:13)
- Love serving others with the gifts and talents God has given you. (1 Peter 4:10)
- Love standing up for truth and defending the faith. (Jude 1:3)
- Love being a light in the world and reflecting Christ's love. (Matthew 5:14-16)
- Love bringing hope to the hopeless and pointing them to Christ. (Romans 15:13)
- Love being a vessel of God's grace and mercy. (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Love showing kindness to those who are in need. (Proverbs 14:21)
- Love bearing one another's burdens and supporting each other. (Galatians 6:2)
- Love sharing the Word of God with others and guiding them to truth. (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Love teaching and discipling others in the ways of God. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Love encouraging others to grow in their relationship with God. (Hebrews 10:24-25) qualities reflect the virtues and character traits that the Bible encourages believers to cultivate in their lives. Loving these virtues and demonstrating them in our actions is a way of aligning ourselves with God's will and reflecting His nature to the world around us.
- Love rejoicing when one sinner repents and turns to God. (Luke 15:7)
- Love witnessing Christians coming together in unity and harmony. (Acts 2:44-47)
- Love seeing God rescue those in distress and answer prayers. (Psalm 34:17-18)
- Love witnessing God perform miracles and display His power. (John 11:40)

- Love when someone stands up for what is right and just. (Proverbs 21:15)
- Love when someone refuses to engage in evil or compromise. (Psalm 119:37)
- Love when someone extends a helping hand to those in need. (Proverbs 19:17)
- Love when people sing praises and worship to God with sincerity. (Psalm 96:1-2)
- Love witnessing the results of planting and reaping the Word of God. (Matthew 13:23)
- Love celebrating victory over satanic powers and spiritual battles. (Ephesians 6:12)
- Love seeing the works of satan destroyed by God's power. (1 John 3:8)
- Love watching God's light overcome darkness in people's lives. (John 1:5)
- Love encountering genuinely good-hearted individuals. (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Love witnessing the results of unwavering faith in God's promises. (Hebrews 11:1)
- Love seeing individuals walk the narrow path that leads to life. (Matthew 7:14)
- Love recognizing the exclusive truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to God. (John 14:6)
- Love witnessing clarity and understanding emerge out of confusion. (1 Corinthians 14:33)
- Love when God's truth prevails and destroys lies and false teachings. (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- Love actively participating in feeding the hungry and caring for the needy. (Matthew 25:35-36)
- Love providing clothing to those in need and showing God's compassion. (Matthew 25:36)

- Love visiting the sick and demonstrating Christ's empathy and care. (Matthew 25:36)
- Love advocating for the freedom and justice of the innocent. (Isaiah 61:1)
- Love ministering to those in prison and sharing Christ's message of hope. (Matthew 25:36)
- Love encouraging the weak and lifting them up in their struggles. (1 Thessalonians 5:14)
- Love God's compassions never fail, they are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23)

What is the Greatest Way to Give Love?

To lay down one's life for his friends...JOHN 15:13

John 15:12 to 17 AKJV 12 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. 13 **Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.** 14 You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. 15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you. 16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

This means a person will lay aside his own self-seeking desires, pleasures, interests, self gratifications, for the sake and welfare of another; sometimes even to physical death.

A Christian who chooses to lay down his own life for his friends, will continually, put to death his own sinful nature and it's lustful desires so he can be capable of truly giving love by the Holy Spirit working through him;

This person, who loves, will redirect his time, abilities, and resources, from no longer spending such largely for his own self but will purpose in

his heart to learn and do and walk in the ways of God so he can effectually bless and encourage others, to set the captives free, so God will be glorified, and His Love magnified,

This Love calls for you to Love those whom you may not like and your enemies, as Christ did for us, while we were yet sinners Jesus Christ died for us. To Lay down your life in Love is to be a servant to one another. (SEE- 2 CORIN 12:15, 1 JOHN 3:16)

What are some examples and Observations of Love through others mentioned in the Bible ?

All of Israel and Judah Loved David

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:16

Jonathan's Love for David

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 18:3, 20:17, 2 Samuel 1:26

Stephen's Love for those who murdered him:

Scripture - ACTS 7:20

David's Love for the congregation - (He did not hide the truth)

Scripture: Psalm 40:10

David's Love for Saul (He did not take revenge)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 24:1-17

David's Love for an enemy (He fed his enemy and was merciful to him)

Scripture: 1 Samuel 30:11-15

Esther's Courageous Advocacy: Esther's courage to advocate for her people, risking her own life, reflects love for her community.

Scripture: Book of Esther

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth: David's kindness and care for Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, exemplify God's love in action.

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Elijah's Compassion for the Widow: Elijah's provision of food and oil to the widow of Zarephath is a testament of God's loving care.

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16

Dorcas' Acts of Kindness: The story of Dorcas illustrates acts of kindness and charity toward others.

Scripture: Acts 9:36-42

Philemon and Onesimus: The book of Philemon demonstrates the power of love and forgiveness in reconciling relationships.

Scripture: Philemon 1:1-25

Ruth's Loyalty and Love: Ruth's commitment and love for her mother-in-law Naomi showcased a beautiful display of love and loyalty.

Scripture: Book of Ruth

Esther's Courageous Advocacy: Esther's courage to advocate for her people, risking her own life, reflects love for her community.

Scripture: Book of Esther

Paul's affectionate and caring attitude towards the Thessalonians

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

The Apostle John's emphasis on love and brotherhood

Scripture: 1 John 4:7-8).

Dorcas (Tabitha) making garments for widows and the poor

Scripture: Acts 9:36-39

The Good Samaritan helping a wounded man on the road

Scripture: Luke 10:30-37)

The woman who anointed Jesus' feet with perfume and wiped them with her hair as an act of love

Scripture: Luke 7:36-50)

Jesus washing the disciples' feet as a demonstration of humility and love

Scripture: John 13:1-17)

Rahab's kindness in hiding the Israelite spies and helping them escape

Scripture: Joshua 2:1-21

Ruth's loyalty and devotion to her mother-in-law Naomi

Scripture: Ruth 1:16-18

The widow who gave her two small coins in the temple as an offering

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Mary Magdalene's devotion to Jesus, demonstrated by her presence at his crucifixion and at the empty tomb

Scripture: Matthew 27:55-61, John 20:1-18

Onesimus' transformation from a runaway slave to a brother in Christ, thanks to Paul's intervention

Scripture: Philemon 1:10-21

Joseph's forgiveness and reconciliation with his brothers who had betrayed him

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

David's deep friendship and loyalty to Jonathan

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:1-4

The widow of Zarephath's generosity in sharing her last meal with the prophet Elijah

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16

Elisha's compassionate healing of Naaman the leper

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

The early Christians' communal sharing of resources to provide for those in need

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

Lydia's hospitality and willingness to host Paul and his companions

Scripture: Acts 16:14-15

Timothy's genuine care and concern for the Philippians

Scripture: Philippians 2:19-24

Phoebe's service and support for the church in Cenchreae

Scripture: Romans 16:1-2

Aquila and Priscilla's mentoring and teaching of Apollos

Scripture: Acts 18:24-28

Epaphroditus' sacrificial service and dedication to Paul's mission

Scripture: Philippians 2:25-30

The Shunammite woman's hospitality and care for the prophet Elisha

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:8-10

Jesus' healing of the leper, showcasing compassion and restoration

Scripture: Matthew 8:1-4

The centurion's faith and concern for his servant's well-being

Scripture: Luke 7:1-10

Paul's heartfelt letter to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus

Scripture: Philemon 1:8-21

Mary and Martha's different expressions of love and devotion towards Jesus

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-8

The parable of the prodigal son, highlighting the father's unconditional love and forgiveness

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Boaz's kindness and provision for Ruth in the fields

Scripture: Ruth 2:1-16

King David's care for Mephibosheth, despite his disability

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-13

Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman, demonstrating love and grace

Scripture: John 4:1-26

The woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume as an act of devotion
Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

The widow of Nain's mourning son raised to life by Jesus, showing compassion

Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

The friends who lowered the paralyzed man through the roof to reach Jesus

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

Peter's restoration by Jesus after denying Him, revealing forgiveness and love

Scripture: John 21:15-19

Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus, leading to a transformation of heart

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

The persistent widow seeking justice from an unjust judge

Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

Ananias' willingness to heal and baptize Saul (later Paul) despite Saul's reputation

Scripture: Acts 9:10-19).

The story of the Good Shepherd who leaves the ninety-nine to find the lost sheep

Scripture: Luke 15:3-7

The Corinthians' generosity in providing for the needs of others

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Barnabas' encouragement and acceptance of Saul as a fellow disciple

Scripture: Acts 9:26-30

Jesus' interaction with the woman caught in adultery, displaying compassion and grace

Scripture: John 8:1-11

Jesus' healing of the blind beggar Bartimaeus, showing compassion and restoration

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

The Samaritan leper who returned to thank Jesus for his healing

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

The friends and family of the瘫痪 man who brought him to Jesus for healing

Scripture: Mark 2:3-5

Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet with costly perfume as an act of devotion

Scripture: John 12:1-8

The young boy who shared his loaves and fishes, contributing to the miraculous feeding of the multitude

Scripture: John 6:5-13

The Roman centurion Cornelius' faith and acceptance of the Gospel

Scripture: Acts 10:1-48

Jesus' washing of His disciples' feet as a symbol of humility and love

Scripture: John 13:1-17

The Macedonian church's generous contribution to support other believers

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Jesus' interaction with the woman with the issue of blood, leading to her healing

Scripture: Mark 5:24-34

The Ethiopian eunuch's eagerness to learn and understand God's Word

Scripture: Acts 8:26-39).

Jesus' compassionate interaction with the grieving sisters, Mary and Martha, after Lazarus' death

Scripture: John 11:1-44

The widow who gave her last coins in the temple, highlighting sacrificial giving

Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Jesus' healing of the servant's ear after it was cut off in the Garden of Gethsemane

Scripture: Luke 22:49-51

Paul's letters to various churches, filled with exhortations and teachings on love and unity

Scripture: e.g., 1 Corinthians 13, Ephesians 4:1-3

The Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well, leading to her transformation

Scripture: John 4:1-42

Jesus' calming of the storm, showing His care for the frightened disciples

Scripture: Mark 4:35-41

The story of Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers who had sold him into slavery

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-15

The widow of Zaraphath's generosity in sharing her meager resources with the prophet Elijah

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:7-16

The parable of the compassionate father in the story of the prodigal son

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

The early Christians' support for one another as described in the book of Acts

Scripture: Acts 2:42-47

These examples from the Bible illustrate a wide range of acts of love, kindness, and selflessness that inspire Christians to follow in their footsteps and demonstrate God's love to others.

WHAT Should we NOT Love ?

1 John 2:15 - Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.

John 3:19 -This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the **darkness** rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

NOTE - SEE also Chapter 2 , Table of Contents “WHAT is NOT LOVE”

WHERE should we Love God and one another?

Throughout the Bible, we find numerous examples of where God's love was demonstrated and where we are called to love God and one another. These instances serve as powerful lessons that guide us in understanding where our love should be directed.

One significant place where God's love is prominently displayed is at the cross. In John 3:16, we read, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” The cross is a profound symbol of God's sacrificial love for humanity. It's a reminder that His love knows no bounds and extends to every corner of the world. Similarly, we are called to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37), a love that should encompass every area of our lives.

Therefore likewise we should TAKE UP OUR CROSS DAILY and DIE TO OURSELVES and Follow Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:24-26 AKJV 24 Then said Jesus to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Within the Family

Another place where love is evident is within the family. In Ephesians 5:25, husbands are instructed to love their wives as Christ loved the

church. This portrays a selfless, sacrificial love that is reflective of Christ's love for His people. Similarly, parents are called to love and teach their children about God's ways (Deuteronomy 6:5-7). This domestic setting is a fertile ground for demonstrating and learning about the love of God.

Within the church community, believers are encouraged to love one another. Jesus emphasized this in John 13:34-35: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." This Christ-like love within the church creates a powerful witness to the world.

Additionally, love should be directed towards those in need and the marginalized. James 1:27 highlights caring for orphans and widows, exemplifying God's heart for the vulnerable. Also, Jesus taught about loving our neighbors, even those who are different from us (Luke 10:25-37). This teaches us that love transcends boundaries and embraces diversity.

Ultimately, the scope of where we should love God and one another is vast – it encompasses our homes, communities, workplaces, and interactions with strangers. Just as God's love is boundless, our love should know no limits. When we examine the Scriptures, we see a pattern of love being offered in all areas of life. This pattern serves as a guide for us to follow, allowing us to live out our faith through tangible acts of love wherever we go.

Instances and places “Where” and “How” divine Love was given in the Bible

Some specific instances and places “Where” God’s Love was given in different ways by Jesus Christ, the Apostles and other people mentioned in the Bible;

These examples continue to show how and where love is demonstrated in practical ways through acts of compassion, service, and care for others.

They highlight the essence of living out God's love in everyday interactions and circumstances, reflecting the heart of Christ to the world around us.

Healing the Sick and Casting Out Demons: Jesus and the apostles often healed the sick and cast out demons as demonstrations of God's love and power.

Scripture: Matthew 4:24, Mark 1:34, Acts 5:16

Feeding the Hungry: Jesus performed miracles of multiplying food to feed the hungry crowds.

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15

Ministering to the Poor and Needy: Jesus emphasized caring for the poor and needy.

Scripture: Luke 14:13-14, Luke 16:19-31, Acts 2:44-45

Welcoming and Blessing Children: Jesus showed His love for children by welcoming them and blessing them.

Scripture: Mark 10:13-16, Matthew 18:1-5

Forgiving Sins and Offering Salvation: Jesus forgave sins and offered salvation to all who believed in Him.

Scripture: Mark 2:5, Luke 19:10, Acts 4:12

Comforting the Grieving: Jesus showed compassion to those who were grieving and mourning.

Scripture: John 11:32-35

Defending the Vulnerable: Jesus defended the woman caught in adultery and advocated for the marginalized.

Scripture: John 8:1-11, Luke 4:18-19

Teaching and Preaching the Good News: Jesus and the apostles proclaimed the good news of the kingdom and salvation.

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38, Mark 16:15, Acts 8:4

Restoring the Outcast and the Sick: Jesus healed the lepers and restored them to society.

Scripture: Luke 17:11-19

Acts of Compassion: The apostles, following Jesus' example, performed acts of compassion and miracles.

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10, Acts 9:36-42

Praying for Others: The apostles prayed for others' well-being and healing.

Scripture: Acts 9:40, Acts 28:8

Sharing Resources and Meeting Needs: The early believers shared their resources to meet the needs of the community.

Scripture: Acts 4:32-35

Supporting Widows and Orphans: The apostles cared for widows and orphans within the community.

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Visiting Prisoners: The apostles visited those imprisoned for their faith.

Scripture: Acts 16:25, Acts 12:5

Building and Nurturing Communities: The apostles planted churches and nurtured the spiritual growth of believers.

Scripture: Acts 14:21-23, Acts 16:5

Facing Persecution with Love: The apostles endured persecution with love and forgiveness.

Scripture: Acts 7:59-60, Acts 14:19-20

Bringing Healing and Deliverance to the Oppressed: The apostles continued the ministry of healing and deliverance.

Scripture: Acts 5:12-16, Acts 8:6-7

Showing Hospitality: The early believers practiced hospitality, welcoming others into their homes.

Scripture: Acts 16:14-15

Preaching to the Gentiles: The apostles extended God's love and salvation to the Gentiles.

Scripture: Acts 10:34-35, Acts 13:46-48

Exhorting and Encouraging: The apostles exhorted and encouraged believers in their faith.

Scripture: Acts 14:22, Acts 20:32

Empowering Others in Ministry: The apostles equipped and empowered others to serve in ministry.

Scripture: Acts 6:1-6, Acts 13:1-3

Rescuing Lot: In the Old Testament, Abraham demonstrated God's love by rescuing his nephew Lot from captivity.

Scripture: Genesis 14:14-16

Providing for Elijah: God showed His love by providing food and sustenance for Elijah during a time of drought.

Scripture: 1 Kings 17:6

Healing Naaman: Elisha extended God's love by healing Naaman of his leprosy.

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14

Caring for the Widow and the Fatherless: The Old Testament emphasizes caring for widows and fatherless children.

Scripture: Exodus 22:22-24, Psalm 68:5

The Good Samaritan: Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan exemplifies showing love and compassion to a stranger in need.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

The Prodigal Son: The parable of the prodigal son illustrates the unconditional love and forgiveness of a father.

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Healing the Centurion's Servant: Jesus showed love by healing the centurion's servant and commending the centurion's faith.

Scripture: Matthew 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10

Caring for Mary and Martha; Jesus displayed his love by visiting and comforting Mary and Martha following the passing of their brother Lazarus.

Scripture Reference; John 11:1-44

The Last Supper; Jesus exhibited love by washing the feet of his disciples and establishing the sacred communion known as the Lords Supper.

Scripture Reference; John 13:1-17, 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Pauls Ministry of Love; The letters written by the apostle Paul emphasize the significance of love, in both life and ministry.

Scripture Reference; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Galatians 5:13-14

The Early Church's Unity and Sharing; The early church exemplified Gods love in action through their unity sharing of resources and genuine care for one another.

Scripture Reference; Acts 2:42-47, Acts 4:32-35

Dorcas Acts of Kindness; The account depicting Dorcas serves as an illustration of acts of kindness and charitable deeds towards others.

Scripture Reference ; Acts 9:36-42

Timothy's Ministry: Paul expressed his love, for Timothy through mentorship and encouragement provided during Timothy's ministry journey.

Scripture Reference ; 2 Timothy 1.2–7

Philemon and Onesimus; The book of Philemon beautifully showcases the power that love and forgiveness hold in reconciling relationships.

Scripture Reference; Philemon 1:1-25

In both the Old and New Testaments we can find instances that illustrate how Gods love was manifested through the actions of individuals, prophets, disciples and apostles. These examples highlight that Gods love goes beyond being a concept; it is intended to be actively demonstrated through acts of kindness, compassion and service towards one another.

Ruths Dedication and Affection; Ruths dedication and deep affection, for her mother in law Naomi were a display of love and loyalty.

Biblical Reference; The story can be found in the Book of Ruth.

Esthers Courageous Advocacy; Esthers efforts to speak up for her community at the risk of her own life demonstrate her genuine love for her people.

Biblical Reference; This inspiring account is described in the Book of Esther.

David's Kindness to Mephibosheth; Davids acts of kindness and care towards Mephibosheth, who was Jonathans son beautifully exemplify Gods love in action.

Biblical Reference; You can find this heartwarming story in 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

Elijahs Compassion for the Widow; Elijah providing food and oil to sustain the widow from Zarephath serves as a testament to Gods loving care.

Biblical Reference; This touching narrative is found in 1 Kings 17:7-16.

Jesus Feeding the Multitudes; Jesus miraculously feeding the crowds not nourished them physically but also revealed His love, for their spiritual well being.

Scriptural References; Matthew 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke 9:10-17, John 6:1-15

Healing the Blind and Lame; Jesus miraculous healings that restored sight to those who were blind and enabled those who were lame to walk unveil His love.

Scripture Reference; Matthew 9:27-31, Matthew 21:14, Luke 7:21-22

Zacchaeus Transformation; When Jesus interacted with Zacchaeus it clearly showcased His affection, for the lost and the incredible transformative power of love.

Biblical Reference; Luke 19:1 10

The Early Churchs Care for the Needy; The way the early church came together to support widows and those in need beautifully embodied Gods love and compassion.

Biblical Reference; Acts 6;1 7

Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch; Philips willingness to share the Gospel with the eunuch was a reflection of Gods inclusive love that extends to people from all nations.

Biblical Reference; Acts 8;26 40

Lydias Hospitality and Baptism; By welcoming others into her home and responding wholeheartedly to the message of the Gospel Lydia exemplified how Gods love touches hearts in ways.

Biblical Reference; Acts 16;13 15

Supporting Fellow Believers in Need; Paul's guidance on providing for believers who are facing difficulties beautifully demonstrates love within

communities.

Biblical References; Romans 12:13, 2 Corinthians 8:13 15

James on True Religion; James highlights that true religion and genuine faith involve putting our love into action through acts of kindness and compassion towards others.

Biblical References; James 1:27 James 2.15 16

John's Emphasis on Love; Throughout his writings John consistently emphasizes how crucial love is, in our interactions and relationships.

Biblical Reference; 1 John 4:7-12, 1 John 3:16-18

The Compassion of the Good Samaritan; as told by Jesus highlights the love and compassion that can transcend cultural boundaries, towards a victim on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho.

Biblical Reference; Luke 10:25-27

The Widow's Mite; At the Temple's place of Offerings. Jesus commended a widow for her giving teaching us that even small acts of love hold significance in the eyes of God.

Scripture; Mark 12:41-44, Luke 21:1-4

Jesus using Peter To Heal Dorcas, also known as Tabitha; Jesus healing Dorcas through Peter, on her death bed was an answer to prayer and a loving deed towards someone who had died.

Scripture; Acts 9:36-42

Paul's affection for Timothy; Paul's deep care and affection for Timothy serve as an example of how nurturing relationships are essential. It is recognized by his letter to Timothy from afar.

Scripture; 2 Timothy 1:1-5

Paul's letter to Philemon; From prison Paul writes a letter of love and support of Onesimus to Philemon which addresses reconciliation and

forgiveness.

Scripture; Philemon 1:8-25

Mary's Anointing the feet of Jesus; At the dinner table of Lazarus, in Bethany. Mary's loving act of anointing Jesus' feet with expensive perfume demonstrated her unwavering love and devotion, towards him.

Scripture: John 12:1-8

Paul's exhortation for us to carry one another's burdens; In people's hardships and troubles ,Paul urges us to bear one another's burdens as a way to demonstrate God's love and fulfill the law of Christ.

Scripture; Galatians 6:2

Jesus Washing the Disciples' feet; This is powerful example is found in the biblical account of Jesus washing his disciples feet, which serves as a demonstration of service and love. We should likewise humbly serve and help others as they are in need or have become filthy dirty because of the evil in the world. Scripture John 13:1-17.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians; In our prayer time we should pray for people's love to increase; Pauls prayer for the Philippians where he expresses his desire for their love to grow abundantly. Scripture; Philippians 1:9-11.

John's Letters to the Churches on Love; We should teach and exhort one another in our churches as John is doing through his letters. John's letters specifically focus' on the love within the church with the emphasize and the importance of walking in truth and love when interacting with believers. Scriptures; 2 John 1:5,6 and 3 John 1:5,6.

Joseph's love and Forgiveness of His Brothers; In another testament of God's love we have Joseph's act of forgiveness towards his brothers who had betrayed him by selling him into slavery. We should give love, mercy and forgiveness even sometimes in situations when others don't deserve it.

Scripture; Genesis 45:1-15.

David's Love to Mephibosheth; David's kindness, towards Mephibosheth, who was the son of his friend Jonathan and had a disability beautifully demonstrates the qualities of God's love and mercy. Scripture; 2 Samuel 9:1-13.

Esther's strong courage and love for her people; Going before the King, Esthers courageous act of intercession, where she risked her life to plead on behalf of her people demonstrates love and bravery. Scripture; Esther 4:8-17.

Naaman's healing and Elishas generosity; At Elisha's House and in the Jordan river ; God's love expressed through acts of healing and grace. Elisha provided instructions that led to Naaman's healing reflecting God's compassion. Scripture; 2 Kings 5:1-14.

Sharing Possessions in the Early Church; The believer's in the early church expressed their deep love for one another through their sharing of possessions. This selflessness is seen in Scriptures; Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35.

Lydia's Hospitality in Philippi: Lydias generous hospitality towards Paul and his companions in Philippi where she invited them into her home, reveals a demonstration of love. Scripture; Acts 16:11-15

Priscilla and Aquila Ministry and Paul; exemplifies a partnership built on their shared love for the Gospel as for each other and Paul. He stayed with them in their home and worked with them. Scriptures; Acts 18:1-4 and Romans 16:3-5

Contribute to the Needs of the Saints: Paul encourages believers to contribute to meet the needs of believers as an embodiment of God's love.

Scripture; Romans 12:13

Support for Widows and Orphans; James teaches that believers should support widows and orphans and emphasizes in caring for those in need. Scripture; James 1:27

Bearing One Another's Burdens; Paul encourages believers to bear each others burdens as a way of fulfilling the law of Christ, wherever we see someone in need, and as the Lord leads. Scripture; Galatians 6:2

Pharaoh's Daughter Rescuing Moses; We can see God's love transcending borders through Pharaoh's daughter's act of rescuing Moses from the river. Scripture; Exodus 2:5-10

Zacchaeus' Repentance and Generosity; Zacchaeus found Jesus when he climbed a sycamore-fig tree, and invited into his home. Zacchaeus transformation and restitution shows us how love can impact someone's heart. Scripture; Luke 19:1-10

The Healing of the Centurion's servant; The healing of the centurions servant portrays both the centurions faith and Jesus love for others regardless of their status. Scripture; Luke 7:1-10

Jesus Healing of the Lepers; Jesus displays His love and compassion towards those suffering from illness by healing ten lepers revealing His love and care. Scripture Reference; Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' Compassion for the Widows Son; In an act of compassion Jesus raises a widows son from death demonstrating His love for those experiencing grief. Scripture Reference; Luke 7:11-17

The Shunammite Women's Hospitality; The hospitality extended by the woman towards Elisha, providing him a room, table, and bed, demonstrates a heart filled with love and generosity. Scripture; 2 Kings 4:8-10.

Daniel's Intercession in Prayer for his People; Daniels prayer serves as an illustration of his intercession on behalf of Israel. he conveyed his love for his nation. Scripture; Daniel 9:1-19

Jesus' Message for us to Love Our Enemies; Jesus teachings on loving our enemies—a concept that urges believers to exemplify God's love when faced with difficult circumstances. Scripture; Matthew 5:43-48

Stephen's Forgiveness and Prayer for His Persecutors; Stephen's act of forgiveness as he prayed for those who persecuted him before his passing—a reflection of Christ like love. Scripture; Acts 7:54-60

Epaphroditus Sacrifice and Service; Epaphroditus willingly risked his life to serve alongside Paul in his ministry displaying love. Scripture: Philippians 2:25-30

Onesiphorus Encouraging Ministry; Onesiphorus consistently showed care and support, to Paul during his time of imprisonment illustrating love through actions.

Scripture, 2 Timothy 1:16-18

These examples show how love is consistently demonstrated in various relationships, contexts, and acts of service throughout the Bible. They provide a tapestry of instances where God's love is made manifest through the lives of His followers, exemplifying His heart for reconciliation, compassion, and transformative change.

HOW is it possible to Love as God and Jesus Christ wants us to Love?

Loving others as God and Jesus Christ desires is not something we can accomplish solely through our own efforts. The depth and selflessness of divine love are beyond our human capabilities. However, the good news is that God equips us to love in the way He intends through His Holy Spirit and the transformative power of Jesus Christ.

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, His Spirit dwells within us, enabling us to bear the fruit of the Spirit, including love (Galatians 5:22-23). The Holy Spirit helps lead us into all truth, that helps us know how to love and how not to love, or in other words, to help us understand what is sin of which we should not do. The Holy Spirit also empowers us to love beyond our natural inclinations. It's through the Spirit's work that our hearts are softened and our perspectives shift, allowing us to love sacrificially, unmerited, and selflessly.

As we yield to the Holy Spirit's guidance, He reshapes our character to resemble that of Christ. Romans 12:2 encourages us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. This transformation involves aligning our thoughts and attitudes with God's truth, leading to a renewed capacity for love.

The transforming power of Christ plays a crucial role in enabling us to love as God desires. When we surrender our lives to Him, He not only forgives our sins but also works within us to create a new heart (Ezekiel 36:26). This new heart is more receptive to His love and more capable of expressing it to others.

In John 15, Jesus compares us to branches connected to Him, the true vine. He emphasizes the importance of abiding in Him, which involves staying closely connected through prayer, Scripture, and a deep relationship. This connection enables His life and love to flow through us, producing fruit that reflects His character, including His love.

It's important to recognize that our hope and path towards loving as God desires is a process. It's not instant perfection but a lifelong growth. We learn to love by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in us, seeking Jesus through prayer and the Word, and relying on His strength rather than our own. Through this ongoing partnership with God, we progressively align our hearts and actions with His love, allowing it to transform us and radiate through us to the world around us.

Additionally, God's Word provides us with clear instructions on how to love as He does. In passages like 1 Corinthians 13, often referred to as the "Love Chapter," we find a detailed description of what love looks like in action. It's patient, kind, not self-seeking, and it perseveres. There are many other scriptures in God's Word that clearly outlines How we should love, and What is not love. Meditating on these verses can guide our attitudes and behaviors in relationships.

As we grow in our understanding of God's love and His desire for us to love in the same way, prayer becomes a vital component. We can pray for

God's guidance, asking Him to help us see others through His eyes and to respond with His love. Jesus' command to love one another as He loved us (John 13:34) becomes a powerful motivator, reminding us that our love should be sacrificial and humble.

Another important aspect is our willingness to submit to God's leading. When we surrender control and allow Him to direct our thoughts and actions, we open ourselves to the transformative work of His Spirit. This process often involves humbling ourselves, setting aside our own desires, and seeking God's will above all else. It's through this surrender that we become vessels through which God's love can flow freely.

Furthermore, surrounding ourselves with a community of believers who are also striving to love as God does can greatly encourage and support our learning how to love. Iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17), and as we interact with fellow believers, we learn from their experiences, receive encouragement, and are held accountable in our pursuit of love.

In conclusion, loving as God and Jesus Christ desire is not merely a human endeavor but a divine partnership. It's about allowing God's Spirit to work within us, embracing the transforming power of Christ, and aligning our hearts with His Word. Through prayer, submission, and faith in Jesus Christ, we can grow in our capacity to love sacrificially, steadfastly, and selflessly. As we embark on this path of knowing and giving God's Love, we become reflections of God's love in a world that desperately needs it.

HOW Should our Love be demonstrated?

Luke 10:27 AKJV 27 And he answering said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.

Romans 12:9 to 21 AKJV 9 Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; hold to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; 11 Not

lothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lies in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place to wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, said the Lord. 20 Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 John 3:16-18 AKJV 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But whoever has this world's good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him? 18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

Romans 13:9-10 AKJV 9 For this, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 10 Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

1 Corinthians 13:4 to 13 AKJV 4 (Love) Charity suffers long, and (Love) is kind; (Love) charity envies not; charity 9 Boast) brags not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; 6 Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 (Love) Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies,

they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now stays faith, hope, (Love) charity, these three; but the greatest of these is (Love) charity.

Ephesians 4:2 (AKJV): 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love;

Proverbs 10:12 (AKJV): 12 Hatred stirs up strifes: but love covers all sins.

Philippians 2:2 (AKJV): 2 Fulfill you my joy, that you be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

What are some of the Blessings and Benefits when we Love God and one another?

Romans 8:37 to 39 AKJV 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 3:1 AKJV 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 4:7 AKJV 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.

Nehemiah 9:17 AKJV 17 And refused to obey, neither were mindful of your wonders that you did among them; but hardened their necks, and in

their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but you are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsook them not.

Jeremiah 31:3 AKJV 3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness have I drawn you.

1 Peter 5:7 AKJV 7 Casting all your care on him; for he cares for you.

Isaiah 38:17 (AKJV): 17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but you have in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 (AKJV): 7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people; for you were the fewest of all people: 8 But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn to your fathers, has the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:13 (AKJV): 13 And he will love you, and bless you, and multiply you: he will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your corn, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which he swore to your fathers to give you.

Psalm 63:3 (AKJV): 3 Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.

Deuteronomy 10:18 & 19 AKJV 18 He does execute the judgment of the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love you therefore the stranger: for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

Psalm 147:3 (AKJV): 3 He heals the broken in heart, and binds up their wounds.

Psalm 145:8 (AKJV): 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Ephesians 2:4 (AKJV): 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us., even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by Grace you have been saved).

2 Thessalonians 2:16 & 17 AKJV 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts, and establish you in every good word and work.

Hebrews 12:6 (AKJV): 6 For whom the Lord loves he chastens, and scourges every son whom he receives.

Proverbs 3:12 (AKJV): 12 For whom the LORD loves he corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights.

John 17:20 to 26 AKJV 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 And the glory which you gave me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and you in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that you have sent me, and have loved them, as you have loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which you have given me: for you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25 O righteous Father, the world has not known you: but I have known you, and these have known that you have sent me. 26 And I have declared to them your name, and will declare it: that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

2 Corinthians 1:3 to 7 AKJV 3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort

them which are in any trouble, by the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ. 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. 7 And our hope of you is steadfast, knowing, that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so shall you be also of the consolation.

Galatians 2:20 (AKJV): 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

Psalm 145:20 (AKJV): 20 The LORD preserves all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

Psalm 147:11 (AKJV): 11 The LORD takes pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

1 John 3:1 (AKJV): 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 4:9-10 (AKJV): 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Psalm 145:13 (AKJV): 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Colossians 1:12 (AKJV): 12 Giving thanks to the Father, which has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

2 Thessalonians 2:16 (AKJV): 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which has loved us, and has given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

John 10:28 (AKJV): 28 And I give to them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

Matthew 11:28 (AKJV): 28 Come to me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (AKJV): 9 But as it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.

John 15:10 & 11 AKJV 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Colossians 3:12 to 17 AKJV. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. 14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

James 1:12 (AKJV): 12 Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (AKJV): 9 Know therefore that the LORD your God, he is God, the faithful God, which keeps covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;

Proverbs 8:17 (AKJV): 17 I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me.

John 14:21 (AKJV): 21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

1 Peter 4:8 (AKJV): 8 And above all things have fervent charity (Love) among yourselves: for charity (Love) shall cover the multitude of sins.

1 John 4:18-19 (AKJV): 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear has torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Psalm 5:11 (AKJV): 11 But let all those that put their trust in you rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them: let them also that love your name be joyful in you.

Psalm 13:5 (AKJV): 5 But I have trusted in your mercy; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.

Psalm 31:7 (AKJV): 7 I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy: for you have considered my trouble; you have known my soul in adversities;

Psalm 31:21 (AKJV):

21 Blessed be the LORD: for he has showed me his marvelous kindness (Love) in a strong city.

John 14:1 to 27 AKJV 1 Let not your heart be troubled: you believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know. 5 Thomas said to him, Lord, we know not where you go; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me. 7 If you had known me, you should have known my Father also: and from now

on you know him, and have seen him. 8 Philip said to him, Lord, show us the Father, and it suffices us. 9 Jesus said to him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet have you not known me, Philip? he that has seen me has seen the Father; and how say you then, Show us the Father? 10 Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak to you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwells in me, he does the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father. 13 And whatever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. 15 If you love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world sees me no more; but you see me: because I live, you shall live also. 20 At that day you shall know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 He that has my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 22 Judas said to him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world? 23 Jesus answered and said to him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our stayed with him. 24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken to you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you. 27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you: not as the world gives, give I to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Proverbs 8:12-21 AKJV 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the fraudulent mouth, do I hate. 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. 15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. 17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. 18 Riches and honor are with me; yes, durable riches and righteousness. 19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the middle of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.

Psalm 91:14 (AKJV): 14 Because he has set his love on me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known my name.

Psalm 145:20 (AKJV): 20 The LORD preserves all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy.

Deuteronomy 11:13 to 15 AKJV 13 And it shall come to pass, if you shall listen diligently to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your corn, and your wine, and your oil. 15 And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle, that you may eat and be full.

How should we relate to God's Love?

We should be THANKFUL and REJOICE in the great unfailing Love and Mercy that God has given to us because HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER and GOD IS GOOD, and WONDERFUL are His deeds for mankind.

1 Chronicles 16:34 (AKJV): 34 O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

1 Chronicles 16:41 (AKJV): 41 And with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his **mercy endures for ever.**

2 Chronicles 5:13 (AKJV): 13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

2 Chronicles 7:3 (AKJV): 3 And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Chronicles 7:6 (AKJV): 6 And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endures for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

2 Chronicles 20:21 (AKJV): 21 And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers to the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endures for ever.

Ezekiel 3:11 (AKJV): 11 And go, get you to them of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus said the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

Psalm 106:1 (AKJV): 1 Praise you the LORD. O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 107:1 (AKJV): 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 107:8 (AKJV): 8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:15 (AKJV): 15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:21 (AKJV): 21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 107:31 (AKJV): 31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Psalm 136:1-3 (AKJV): 1 O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever. 2 O give thanks to the God of gods: for his mercy endures for ever. 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endures for ever.

We should SING of Lord's great Love Forever and declare God's FAITHFULNESS throughout all generations

Psalm 89:1 (AKJV): 1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 101:1 (AKJV): 1 I will sing of mercy and judgment: to you, O LORD, will I sing.

Do we need to grow in God's Love and remain (abide) in God's Love ?

YES > Absolutely, we are called not only to receive and experience God's love but also to grow and abide in it. Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of abiding in His love in John 15:9-10 when He said, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love." This passage highlights the connection between our obedience to His commands and our abiding in His love. Furthermore, 1 John 2:5-6 encourages us to walk in the same way Jesus walked, which includes living in His love. As we grow in understanding and obedience, we deepen our connection with God's love,

and it becomes an ever-present source of strength, guidance, and transformation in our lives.

Continuing to abide in God's love is of paramount importance because it shapes our relationship with Him, our character, and our actions. As Jesus explains in John 15:4-5, "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

When we abide in God's love, we experience His transformative power, which helps us overcome sin, evil, and the temptations that can lead to backsliding. We are strengthened to resist the allure of worldly influences and our own sinful desires. In 1 John 3:6, it's stated, "No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him." Abiding in God's love involves a conscious decision to prioritize our relationship with Him, striving to live a life that reflects His love and righteousness.

Unforgiveness and harboring grudges can hinder our ability to fully abide in God's love. Jesus underscores the importance of forgiveness in Matthew 6:14-15, saying, "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Unforgiveness can create a barrier between us and God's love, disrupting the flow of His grace and hindering our growth.

Remaining in God's love means actively pursuing His presence, aligning our thoughts and actions with His will, and avoiding anything that separates us from Him. Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles," emphasizing the need to eliminate anything that obstructs our relationship with God.

Ultimately, abiding in God's love results in a life marked by joy, peace, and a consistent demonstration of Christ-like love to others. It's a journey

of continuous growth, seeking God's guidance, cultivating a heart of humility and obedience, and relying on His strength to overcome obstacles. Through this abiding relationship, we experience the fullness of God's love and become effective vessels of His love in a world that desperately needs it.

Ephesians 4:11 to 16 AKJV 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 14 That we from now on be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

1 Peter 2:2- AKJV, 2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby: 3 If so be you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Ephesians 3:17-19 AKJV 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.

John 15:10 AKJV 10 If you keep my (Jesus') commandments, you shall abide (Remain) in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Philippians 1:9-11 AKJV 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That you may

approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ. 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

How do we grow and remain (abide) in God's Love?

If we keep the commandments of Jesus Christ - JOHN 15:10

John 15:10 AKJV If you keep my commandments, you shall abide (Remain) in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

John 15:1 to 17 AKJV I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. 9 **As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love.** 10 **If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.** 11 These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. 15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you. 16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you,

that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. **17 These things I command you, that you love one another.**

If we Obey God's Word, His Love is made Complete in us

1 John 2:5 & 6 AKJV 5 But whoever keeps his word, in him truly is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that said he stays in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

By having a honest and good heart, having heard God's Word, Keeps it

Luke 8:14 & 15 AKJV. 14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. 15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

By Speaking and hearing the Truth of God's Word in Love, and every part of the Body of Christ doing their editing one another in Love

Ephesians 4:15-16 (AKJV): 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

By living our daily lives in Christ Jesus in a genuine relationship instead of trying to live our lives apart from God and His Way.

John 15:4 (AKJV): 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me.

It is the work of God's Holy Spirit that makes us increase in Love

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (AKJV): 12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do

toward you:

Through Prayer and asking God that we increase and grow in His Love

Through God Answering Prayers;

Philippians 1:9-11 AKJV 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; 10 That you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ. 11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

By our Faith in Jesus Christ increasing we will also grow and abound in Love;

2 Thessalonians 1:3 (AKJV): 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brothers, as it is meet, because that your faith grows exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other abounds;

Ephesians 3:17 (AKJV): 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

1 John 4:12-16 (AKJV): 12 No man has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God stays in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we stay in him, and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God stays in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has to us. God is love; and he that stays in love stays in God, and God in him.

What will hinder us from Not growing more in God's Love?

Any deliberate and unrepented sin in a person's life will greatly hinder God's Love from growing more in a person's life. If we do not keep God's commandments and instructions given in the New Testament we are not walking in Love and we will be hindered from growing more in God's Love.

*SEE (CHAPTER 2 What is NOT Love)

Matthew 24:12 (AKJV): 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Revelation 2:4 (AKJV): 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love.

Romans 2:2-9 “But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God ‘will give to each person according to what he has done.

Galatians 5:13-26 (AKJV):

13 For, brothers, you have been called to liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

15 But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another.

16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would.

18 But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Contentions, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which

do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Aren't we free from the Old Law?

Yes, Jesus made us free from the imperfect Old Law of unattainable physical ordinances and rituals and futile offerings; Nor were enough high priests righteous enough through first making sin offerings for they own sins and to perform properly all the rituals required. Now Jesus Christ has became our High Priest and the perfect sacrifice for our sins before God the Father to bring lasting redemption and reconciliation to God.

So do we still need to obey God's commandments and instructions taught by Jesus and His Apostles even though we are no longer under the imperfect Old Law?

Yes, God wants us still to obey His commandments and instructions, what to do and what not to do regarding how to Love in the ways God intended (these all pertain to Love) that are clearly defined in the New Testament and taught by Jesus and the Apostles, while we are under God's Grace. God doesn't want us to try to follow the Old Law ordinances and rituals of animal sacrifices and other offerings to try to make an appeasement to God and pay for the penalty of our sin; Rather Jesus Christ is now our propitiation by His perfect sinless sacrificial offering of Himself by dying at the cross for anyone's sin once and for all, for whosoever would believe in Jesus and follow Him.

Matthew 5:17-20 (AKJV): 17 Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. 18 For truly I say to you, Till heaven and earth pass, one stroke or one pronunciation mark shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. 19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

All of the law and prophets can be sum up in following the greatest two commandments...

Matthew 22:34-40 (AKJV): 34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. 35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law? 37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like to it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All the commandments that Jesus and Apostles taught else well as all of moral essence of all of commandments of the Old Testament, that pertain to the greatest two commandments are still to be followed by every believer today. This is made possible through the Holy Spirit working in us, and while under the atoning Grace of Jesus Christ. God now writes His Law of Love upon our hearts and minds under the New Covenant,

Hebrews 10:16-24 (AKJV): 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, said the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more

offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works:

Do we need to choose to “Put On” Love in our everyday lives, instead of being unloving in various ways?

YES

Colossians 3:12-17. AKJV 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you. 14 And above all these things put on (Love) charity, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also you are called in one body; and be you thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

What various Hebrew Words that are defined as ‘Love’ that are used in the Old Testament?

Chesed (חֶסֶד); Chesed represents “loving kindness” or “unfailing love.” It portrays a faithful and covenantal love, when describing Gods love for His people.

חֶסֶד (Chesed). Psalm 136;26

Chesed conveys enduring love, kindness, mercy and loyalty. It frequently characterizes Gods unwavering and everlasting love towards His chosen people showcasing His faithfulness and dedication to fulfilling His promises.

חֶסֶד” (Chesed). This term appears than 250 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. Is often translated as “steadfast love” “faithful love,” “loyal love,” or “lovingkindness.”

Ahavah (אַהֲבָה); Utilized extensively throughout the Old Testament Ahavah is one of the terms for expressing love. It signifies an affection and devotion commonly used to describe relationships as well as Gods affection for His people.

אהבה (Ahavah). Deuteronomy 6:5

Ahavah stands out as one of the employed words for “love” in the Old Testament. It denotes affection, desire or a strong emotional bond, between individuals.

In the book of Deuteronomy in chapter 6 verse 5 it is mentioned to express Gods love, for His people and their reciprocated love for Him. The Hebrew word **אהבה (Ahavah)** appears 33 times in the Old Testament.

(Ahavato) **אהבתו:** Is another word derived from Ahavah, which means “His love” or “His affection.” In Psalm 136:1 this word is used to emphasize Gods love and faithfulness.

תִּדְּבָר (Yadad) Jeremiah 31:3 introduces the term which denotes an cherished affection or loving dearly. In this context it describes Gods love for His people with tender emotions.

Racham (רָחָם) Another term used to depict Gods love is. It represents compassion, mercy and tender affection. This concept of an nurturing love often manifests in Gods nature towards His people. Isaiah 49:10 uses the word **רָחָם (Rachamim)** which translates as “compassion” or “mercy.” It symbolizes Gods tender and maternal love akin to that of a mother towards her children. It conveys the notion of Gods protective character.

Aheb (אהב) generally means “to love.” It can encompass both human to human and divine, to human forms of love signifying an attachment.

Aheb, found in Deuteronomy 7:8 is a word that signifies “to love” or “to have affection, for.” It represents Gods love for Israel and His deliberate choice to care for them.

Rayah, which means “friend” or “companion “ expresses a friendship and mutual affection that people have for one another.

Agab also means “to love” or “to have affection, for “ though it is commonly used. It conveys a sense of fondness and emotional connection.

Sha'ah is typically used to describe attachment and desire. It often refers to love and passion.

Towb, mainly translated as “good” is also associated with love. It represents a form of love that brings about benefit and favor describing acts done out of kindness and care.

Shaashua, In 2 Samuel 1:26 is used to mean “delight” or “joy.” In this context it expresses affection and fondness. David mourns the loss of Jonathan. Describes their friendship as delightful and precious.

Dod (תָּדָּה); This term primarily translates to “beloved” or “uncle.” It represents bonds and can sometimes carry a romantic implication as seen in the Song of Solomon.

Each Hebrew word, for love carries nuances that enhance our comprehension of the dimensions of love within human relationships and in Gods interaction with humanity.

These Hebrew terms for “love” offer an nuanced comprehension of the facets of love ranging from Gods unwavering covenantal love (Chesed) to the amorous love depicted in the Song of Solomon. Each word contributes depth and significance to our understanding of love, in the Old Testament.

Which Hebrew term is frequently used in the Old Testament to describe God's love?

The Hebrew word that appears frequently in the Old Testament to depict Gods love is “**תּוֹדָה**” (Chesed). This term can be found over 250 times in the Hebrew Scriptures. Is often translated as “ love ” “faithful love,” “loyal love,” or “lovingkindness.” Chesed carries a meaning of Gods love and His enduring faithfulness and mercy, towards His people. It emphasizes Gods commitment to His promises and His unchanging affection for His chosen ones during periods of their faithlessness.

What are the Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic words used in the commandment to “Love God and love one another”?

Hebrew;

לְאַהֲבָה (le'ahavah). This term signifies the act of loving or having affection. It is found in instances, throughout the Old Testament referring to loving God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and loving ones neighbor (Leviticus 19:18).

Greek;

AGAPE, Agapao

ἀγαπάω (agapao) This term is used to describe a type of love that's selfless, sacrificial and connected to divinity. It is the word used when Jesus instructs us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and, with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37) as when He commands us to "love one another" (John 13:34).

φιλέω (phileo). This word represents a love that involves affection, friendship and fondness. It is used in situations where there exists a bond between individuals. For instance in John 21:15 17 Jesus asks Peter if he has affectionate love for Him using both **ἀγαπάω** (agapao) and **φιλέω** (phileo).

Aramaic;

׀אַו (khaw waw). In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus and utilized in parts of the New Testament the word for love bears resemblance to the Hebrew word **לְאַהֲבָה** (le'ahavah). The Aramaic equivalent is employed in passages such as Mark 12:30 when Jesus speaks about loving God.

Greek Words, for Love utilized in the New Testament

Agape (Agapao). Often defined as Gods form of love although it had various other meanings within the Greek language.

Dilectio = Love Colossians 3:14

Philia, Phileo = Brotherly Love, Friendship, Affectionate Love

Storge = Love that we are familiar with can take on forms. In terms of love it is often referred to as Eros..

What is God's “Agape” Love?

In the Bible and biblical writings “Agape” has been attributed with meanings to capture its essence. Some of these include Divine Love, Selfless Love, Sacrificial Love, Charity, Unmerited Love, Steadfast Love, Goodwill, Benevolence, Enduring Love and even the Highest form of Love.

Did the Greek word “Agape” always have just one meaning?

Actually No > The Greek word “Agape” sometimes had different definitions when used in different situations. In ancient times in places like such as Rome as well throughout the centuries, in secular or Biblical writings, the Greek Word “ Agape “ was sometimes used differently in various circumstances to describe several different ways and instances that love was demonstrated, by the people living during that era, up unto present day also by various Biblical Translators and Non-Christian Greek Authors.

And they understood ‘Agape’ was intended to have a different meaning depending how and when it was used. Agape love often is used to translate God's Highest kind of Love, and also to convey, willful, consistent, steadfast commitment and faithfulness;

What were some of circumstances that Agape was used differently and had different interpreted meanings & usage?

- **God's Divine Love** - In most but not all biblical scriptures usage of the word 'Agape' was used to convey God's divine or Highest Love; It was also sometimes used as general term & word, to somehow encompass & convey all of God's infinity good viruses, attributes, and nature into one word for God's divine Love

- **The Agape - Love Feast**

The word “Agape” was also used and represented the “Love Feast” of the early Christian Church. A communal time of fellowship and the celebration of the Lord’s Supper, the breaking of bread and drinking of wine, done in remembrance of Jesus Christ, proclaiming the death of Jesus Christ till He comes again. It was and is a time for Christians to bond together as one, a time to die to oneself and selfish desires, to remember what Jesus Christ alone accomplished at the cross for us, a time to forgive each other, a time to move forward in Love.

Luke 22:13-20 AKJV 13 And they went, and found as he had said to them: and they made ready the passover. 14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: 16 For I say to you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 For I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave to them, saying, **This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.** 20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.**

1 Corinthians 11:20 to 26. AKJV 20 When you come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord’s supper. 21 For in eating every one takes before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 22 What? have you not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise you the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise you not. 23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered to you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. 25 After the same manner also he took

the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do you, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till he come.

- **Love Among Believers:** The Greek word ‘Agape’ is also used to emphasize the love that believers are encouraged to show to one another as a mark of their faith community. “A new command I give you: Love (agape) one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another” (John 13:34).
- **Sacrificial Love:** “Agape” is associated with sacrificial actions and a willingness to give up one’s own interests for the sake of others. “Greater love (agape) has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13).
- **Spiritual Virtue:** In the writings of early Christian theologians, “agape” is often discussed as a virtue that believers should cultivate as they grow in their faith.

Overall, “agape” holds a deep and multifaceted meaning within the biblical context. It encapsulates the idea of divine love, selfless service, and a transformative way of relating to others that transcends human limitations and selfish desires.

Unmerited: Agape is sometimes defined as God’s unmerited Love;

Another aspect of How God’s ‘Agape’ Love is demonstrated and given is sometimes referred to as His “Unmerited Love.” This unmerited characteristic trait of How Love is given by God and received by us, is not an actual virtue of God’s Love nor what is contained in God’s Love; Rather It is manner in which God’s Love is done or given.

So “Unmerited love” is not a virtue of ‘Agape’; it refers to how God’s Love is given or done without anyone deserving it or without merit. It describes a lack of justification or deservingness. No one has or can ‘earn’

God's Love; it means they received God's Agape Love without deserving it based on their actions or qualities.

In Biblical sense of ethics and morality, Virtues are typically pure Godly spiritual qualities or traits that are considered morally good, whereas "unmerited" describes something that lacks justification or merit.

God's 'Agape' Love should 'always' be deemed 'unmerited' towards everyone individually in all circumstances, (In the Biblical sense of those words) because no one can 'earn' God's Love, or eternal life by their 'own' righteousness or deeds, at any time. However God's 'unmerited' Love still has several conditions that are needed to done or obeyed according to God's word in order for someone to be further established in His Love, also to receive some of the Blessings promised and to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Conditions such as a genuine repentance, believing in and following Jesus Christ only, not other false gods or false deceptive teachings, loving and forgiving others as Jesus loved us, etc. etc.

Unconditional Love

Another aspect of the nature God's 'Agape' Love is sometimes referred to and defined in modern times, as His 'unconditional love' while there are situations and circumstances in the Bible that denote or indicate that God chooses to extend His Love to or towards everyone initially or to an individual , in a somewhat 'unconditional' manner' it would inappropriate and misleading to imply that God's Love is 'always' 'unconditional love'.

Why?, because God does not 'always' give His Love exclusively unconditionally in all circumstances, at all times, to all people or to an individual without sometimes having certain conditions and commandments, that He sets forth; Therefore one could also rightfully deem God's 'Agape' Love in many respects and times as the 'Conditional nature of His Love' or His 'Conditional Love.' However using these terms

never should be assumed to imply that God's love is always "conditional" or vice versa always "unconditional", in which it is not.

'Unconditional love' is an 'over simplified misleading phrase' that is used inaccurately, inappropriately, and inapplicable to define God's 'Agape' Love completely and always as 'Unconditional'.

Many well meaning Christians teachers, and individuals in modern times, have accepted a distorted fairly new doctrine and concept, and incorrectly taught or say, that' God's ' Agape' Love is always exclusively 'unconditional' when in reality, in many circumstances within numerous scriptures in the Bible, God's 'Agape' Love comes with several conditions;

Therefore in those instances, it's the manner in How, God chooses to demonstrate or to give His 'Agape' Love conditionally or ' conditional love' so to speak in retrospect.

The early Greek Bible translations, and other writings , the meaning of the Greek word " Agape " was never defined nor interpreted with the terminology " Unconditional Love ." Today people may speculate that some of the early Church or Christians historically may have viewed and understood God's Love or (Agape or Agapao) as " unconditional love" but there is absolutely no historical evidence in any Christian or secular writings to that to be a fact, before the early 1930's.* (*The phrase " Unconditional Love " was most originated by non-christian writers during this time period)

***SEE Section - When was the Phrase " Unconditional Love " first reportedly used?**

The word "agapao" (ἀγαπάω) appears in the Septuagint, the Greek translation of the Old Testament. It is used to convey the concept of love in various contexts throughout the Septuagint's translation of the Hebrew Scriptures. The term "agapao" is one of the Greek words used to express love, and its usage in the Septuagint provides insights into how love was understood and described in the ancient Jewish context.

“Agapao” was also used in a describing a sinful action of rape;

In the Septuagint, (The first Translation of the Hebrew Bible into Greek around 300 BC to 200 BC, LOVE was translated into the greek word “agapao” which is the verb form of the word agape. This is found in 2 Samuel 12, when Amnon deceives Tamar (his sister) which eventually led to her being raped. It is very rare that one Greek word (as well as others) would have only one single meaning. So it would be an error to assume that the word “ Agape” always meant “ Unconditional” Love, when in fact Agape is referring to Conditional Love regarding something God wants us to do in some circumstances mentioned in the Bible.

“Unconditional” Love VS “Conditional” Love

These are only fairly modern descriptive phrases to try to define a couple of the ways, manners or terms in which God chooses to give His Love, these are not inherent virtues, or intrinsic attributes, contained within God’s Love.

God’s ‘Agape’ Love is at times demonstrated and given ‘unconditionally’ and at other times and circumstances God’s ‘Agape’ Love is at times demonstrated and given ‘conditionally,’ either way is as God chooses and wills to do so.

God’s ‘ Agape’ Love is not solely exclusively given always ‘unconditionally’, and neither is God’s ‘ Agape’ Love is not solely exclusively given always ‘conditionally’

Neither of the ways God decides to give His Love is ever merited or ‘earned’, by anyone of us. The reason that God decides to give His love, such as unconditionally or conditionally is not based on our righteousness or deeds, but out of the Goodness of His exceeding Loving Spirit and Nature. This is done so as to reconcile, and restore a people for Himself, whom will Love Him willingly wholeheartedly, mind and strength and whom are zealous to do good works through His Love for others. Another reason God loves us is so He can share all of His Blessings with us that are

in Heavenly places throughout Eternally, and for us to Glorify Him all the more.

He knows what needs to be done, how to perfectly achieve our reconciliation to Him from a sinful people that is separated from Him by our disobedience, to us being restored into a Holy and pure people standing before Him to worship Him with thanksgiving and praise, and to share in all of His goodness while abiding in Him and abiding in His Love.

First by offering His Love, mercy and forgiveness unconditionally with an invitation, extended to us, and unmerited by us, Mercy to everyone in the world who would accept and Come to Him, regardless of their sins to be reconciled and restored through the sacrificial Love and Atoning Blood of Jesus Christ.

And Second by God nurturing us to grow up in His Love and sometimes testing our hearts to see who sincerely wants to depart from evil and to Love Him above all else by setting forth certain conditions.* As we learn from God's Word and willingly obey His Commandments, and do and not do certain Biblical conditions* and instructions given by Jesus and Apostles, then we know what God wants us to do to overcome our various sinful ways with the power of the Holy Spirit, and through the saving Grace of Jesus Christ. The Truth of Jesus Christ will set us free, so that we can receive the fulness of His Love unhindered by our sin nature. His ultimate purpose is to have us Abide in Him, and Him in us, and abide in His Love now and Forever; *(Conditional love)

Unconditional and unmerited are often defined or understood incorrectly to mean the same thing in the Biblical context; However although both are similar in some regards, each have different characteristics surrounding the manner in which those aspects of God's Love are given and received.

‘ Unmerited’ love is always applicable and constant in all of the circumstances in our relationship, position and walk with Jesus Christ, where as “ Unconditional love “ is only applicable When and How God's

Love is given or demonstrated in certain circumstances and at variable times, but not always;

In other words When it is given to us by God or by us to one another, in a particular time or place and manner, without any attached conditions so to speak; However His Love won't always be given without certain conditions at other times;

So again I must re-emphasize and clarify that God's Love is never given or demonstrated to us as always unconditionally and neither is our Love to one another. This is made known to us throughout God's Word.

Does that mean that God's Love 'changes' when He chooses to give His Love unconditionally or conditionally ?

No, the virtues , attributes, the moral Nature of God and His Love and the Holy Spirit never change, as He declares I AM, who I AM. Only the manner and the ways that God chooses to give and demonstrate His Love is what changes.

So How can His Love be both 'unconditional' and 'conditional'?

Because these are not really two different types of love, in God Himself ; Which are so called 'unconditional love' and 'conditional love' these descriptive phases are just an attempt to explain the different ways God decides to demonstrate or to give His Love, in various circumstances and times.

God's Love is always the same, and God has the Ultimate Authority to decide How and When to give His Love, or to give to others Love from Himself His or the right the receive His Son, Jesus Christ His Grace and Forgiveness, and under what circumstances and times that He chooses.

Let us Recognize and Remember Who God is, and some of the Authoritative positional descriptions that God the Father and Jesus Christ and God's Holy Spirit hold in Heaven, and earth; of which, God has every right to will and do in the Way that He pleases.

Here are just a few Titles and explanations used to describe God's right to do whatever He desires and without question, of God always knows best in the scope of His Master plan...

- **Divine Sovereignty:** This term emphasizes God's supreme authority and control over all things.
- **Supreme Being:** Highlights God as the highest and most superior being, emphasizing His inherent right to govern.
- **Divine Prerogative:** Refers to God's exclusive right and privilege to make decisions.
- **Divine Autonomy:** Emphasizes God's independence and freedom to act according to His own purposes.
- **Supreme Authority:** Describes God's highest level of power and control.
- **Divine Righteousness:** Implies that God's actions are inherently just and righteous, and therefore, He has the right to do as He pleases.
- **Ineffable Wisdom:** Highlights God's incomprehensible wisdom in His decisions and actions, indicating that His ways are beyond human understanding.
- **Divine Ordinance:** Refers to God's established order and His right to set laws and regulations.
- **Unquestionable Dominion:** Implies that God's dominion and rule are beyond question or challenge.
- **Divine Preeminence:** Suggests that God holds the highest rank and is above all others.
- **Divine Discretion:** Indicates that God has the freedom to make decisions at His own discretion.
- **Sovereign Providence:** Signifies God's overarching control and guidance in the world, affirming His right to shape destiny.
- **Divine Authorship:** Refers to God as the author of existence, indicating His right to govern the unfolding story of creation.

God's so called 'Unconditional Love'

When God chooses to demonstrate or give His 'Agape' Love, it is a gift and that is not always dependent on any conditions or requirements. It means His love is given freely, as He wills, in some situations, at various times. God's Love is given towards any person in the world irrespective of that person, in hope that whosoever would believe in Jesus Christ would be saved from hell.

This manner in which God chooses to offer and give His Love is especially exhibited when we were yet sinners, and we were first called to Him to be saved, with an open invitation to be forgiven of our sins and saved. God extended His Love to the world, not based on anyone's goodness.

This is evident in the well known verse; "While we were sinners, Christ died for us" Romans 5:8

While God's 'Agape love' can also be understood as 'impartial' or 'irrespective' towards our former state of sinfulness, to race, ethnicity, country, social status, level of intelligence, etc. Still His Love is not always demonstrated or given solely unconditionally. For instance, even when we still sinners in order to receive God's Love and forgiveness, we still need to fulfill certain conditions, such as 'Believe' in Jesus Christ, 'Repent' and then from that time on follow Jesus Christ and obey His Commandments.

However sadly some still reject God's Love in Jesus Christ and chose to continue in their evil ways apart from God.

God extends an opportunity and invitation to everyone in the world to have their sins forgiven by the sacrificial Love of Jesus Christ with His atoning Blood freely given at cross, to pay for our sins. His Great Love reconciles us back to God the Father.

However again God's 'Agape' love should not be misconstrued as always. 'unconditional.'

When He chooses to give His Love, it's not because anyone has ever earned it, or deserve His Love, much like 'unmerited' Love from God, the difference between the two is that God's 'Agape' Love is 'always' 'unmerited' by any one us, whereas God's 'Agape' Love is not solely exclusively given 'always' 'unconditionally',

The major doctrinal error is the misinterpreted understanding that God's Love is 'always' and only 'unconditional'; This is a very dangerous and confusing concept and misleading, misunderstanding; because it faultily implies, and teaches that obedience to God's Will, ways, conditions, instructions and Commandments are not required or not essential, and diminishes the need for repentance as God wants all of to do. This earthly philological concept is a vast departure from sound biblical doctrine.

God's so called ' Conditional ' Love

This is when God's Love is sometimes demonstrated and given 'Conditionally' or so to speak ' Conditional Love,' if you are one so inclined to label these types of manners associated with God's Love;

'Conditionally' is one of the different ways that God chooses How to give His Love, at certain times under certain circumstances as He rightfully decides.

In the Bible there are numerous scriptures when God Loves us or the Apostles and gives us instructions or commandments that have specific conditions for us to respond to and follow correctly, either to do or not to do; Those commandments are all related to How to Love as God intended and are given for own benefit and welfare and for those around us.

We are to obey those instructions and/or commandments for just reasons that God deems absolutely essential for us to still follow while we are under the New Covenant because now, if we sin, we have God's Grace and the Holy Spirit to help us to overcome. God's Grace, the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit gives us the necessary margin of freedom and

strength to overcome practicing certain sins and to obey Jesus's Commandments, as we are being perfected in His Love and to Love in all our ways.

Jesus Christ alone overcame the power of sin and death; Jesus Christ achieved this victory at the cross; Now Jesus wants each one of us to take up our cross daily and die to selfish sinful nature, through Him.

As I previously mentioned, there are many Scriptures where God's love is described as having certain conditions or requirements. For instance, in 1 John 2:3-4, it is stated that knowing God is contingent upon keeping His commandments: "We know that we have come to know Him if we keep his commands. Whoever says, 'I know him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person." This highlights the idea that our relationship with God and the fullness of His love are intimately tied to our obedience to His divine instructions.

This has nothing to do with trying to futilely follow the old physical unattainable rituals , of the old law, that are now obsolete but rather following the moral spiritual Laws of God that God is now inscribing on our hearts, by His Holy Spirit, and we are now able to follow those instructions and commandments as Holy Spirit will enable us, and if we desire God to help us to do so. Draw near to God, and He'll draw near to you.

The greatest Commandment is Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

It's not that we need to take with us a check list of the things that God wants us to do or not do, because if we continue in Jesus' Word and learn

God's ways of Love, we will 'Know' the Truth and God's Holy Spirit will quicken or remind us of the appropriate scripture to follow, thereby we will be truly His Disciples.

God's love, is inherently full of the highest and purest virtues, attributes, of moral spiritual character and excellence; Holy, Holy, Holy is our God Almighty, YaHWeH, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit;

God's Love unfolds to us, and establishes us into the maturity of Jesus Christ through a divine synergy of obedience and trust. Throughout the Bible, we find that God lovingly guides us by declaring certain instructions and commandments, often with associated conditions, not as arbitrary rules but as a pathway to deeper communion with Him. In John 15:10-11, Jesus Himself lays out this profound connection between love, obedience, and joy: "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." Here, Jesus underscores that our abiding in His love and His love abiding in us is closely tied to our obedience to His teachings.

It's not a matter of mere rule-following but a heart's desire to be in alignment with God's will. As we genuinely seek Him, God tests our hearts to discern our sincerity in wanting to follow Jesus Christ and abide in His love. This loving guidance with conditions serves as a transformative process, shaping our character and deepening our relationship with God and Jesus Christ.

When God chooses to demonstrate or give His 'Agape' Love' there are also sometimes certain conditions that He sets forth or commands for us are met, done or fulfilled by us, in various circumstances and times, as God so wills.

God's ' Agape' Love is not solely exclusively demonstrated or given always 'unconditionally' to us.

While God's love is the foundation of our faith, His guidance in Scripture sometimes outlines conditions and expectations for us to receive His blessings and promises, making our Walk with Jesus a dynamic interplay of grace, obedience, and love.

The Bible also portrays instances where God's love is dependent on our response. In John 14:21, Jesus states, "Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." This verse highlights the interconnectedness of God's love and our obedience.

Additionally, Revelation 3:19 reveals that God's love is expressed through correction and discipline: "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent." This implies that God's love can lead to a call for change and repentance. God's love often comes with His conditions and expectation such as of faith, repentance, obedience, and alignment with His will.

In conclusion, while God's love is indeed unmerited and freely given, it is not always completely unconditional. It's a love that seeks a response from us, calling us to faith, obedience, and a continuous walk with Him in His Holy Spirit and aligning ourselves with His will. God's 'Agape' love and good favor, sometimes has certain conditions and is conditionally given; So called 'conditional love'; This is related to How and When God's Love is given and received, How we grow in His Love, understand and made complete in us; There are also sometimes conditions that God has stated in His Word to receive His Blessings and Promises; While at other times God's love and blessings are given, unconditionally.

Does that mean that we can only receive God's Love by Good Works?

Of course not;

It's essential to recognize that while obedience to God's commandments and instructions is a crucial aspect of our faith walk and faith in Jesus Christ, it doesn't imply that receiving God's love hinges solely on our good

works or self-righteousness. God's love is a gift extended to us freely, irrespective of our merits or shortcomings. Our obedience is a response of love and gratitude to God's unmerited love for us. As Ephesians 2:8-9 AKJV reminds us, “ 8 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Our good works flow from a heart transformed by God's love and are a natural outpouring of our faith, rather than a means to earn His love. In essence, God's love is a divine gift, and our obedience is a heartfelt expression of our relationship with Him, a response to His boundless grace and mercy.

Always remember we are in a living relationship with Jesus Christ, that means that Jesus Christ has done and finished His part, now He expects each one of to do our part in this spiritual relationship, through the power of God's Holy Spirit.

What other Ways and manners is God's love given, demonstrated and received? Such as “Unmerited” , “Enduring Love”, “Everlasting Love, Steadfast Love, just to name a few descriptive phrases that are sometimes used :

God's “Unmerited” , “Enduring Love”, “Everlasting Love” Etc. for us

God's love is deemed ‘unmerited’ Love, when it applies to our calling or invitation to come to Him, which is to be given the opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as ones own personal Lord and Savior and for any person's sins to be given forgiven, if a person so desires and believes so. God's Love is also still always unmerited by any of us throughout our lives.

This act of salvation is a free gift, extended to anyone whom so ever in the world, if a person believes, repents, and follows Jesus Christ with a genuine heart and mind, by faith. In this sense, God's love is not based on anyone fulfilling certain conditions such as they need to become totally righteous first before they can be accepted by God, nor does anyone need to earn His free gift salvation solely based on their own works or merits, but

rather only on Jesus Christ's sinless life and sacrifice at the cross, His atoning Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness to any of us, who believe.

God does not impose or force His free gift which includes forgiveness, redemption, salvation and eternal life on anybody, however Jesus Christ and His free gift, needs to be individually accepted and received willingly by each person's heartfelt desire and believing by faith.

This initial acceptance is the foundation of our relationship with Him and secures our eternal salvation; However we need to continue to Abide in Him and His Love, by genuinely purposely choosing to always follow Him and obey His commandments; Even if and when we still sin at times, and fall short throughout our lives, we should willfully choose to repent, and continue to follow and obey Him.

Our sincere position in Jesus Christ , with repentive intent, while under His Grace along with His Holy Spirit guiding each one of us into all Truth, enables us to overcome sin, and to bear good spiritual fruit, and to retain and remain in a right standing in Jesus Christ as our Mediator and Savior before God our Father.

God's Love for us is steadfast towards us and in us, for those whom have a sincere Faith in Jesus Christ. Nothing can separate ourselves from God or Jesus Christ, as long as don't allow ourselves to continue to deliberately practice sin and to do evil without repenting, and thereby our hearts can become so seared and so hardened that only we can separate ourselves from God; If we abuse God's grace, we thereby risk the chance of the wrath of God to be upon any of us because that person has rejected His Love, betrayed Christ, if they do not further repent and willfully change direction away from evil; So much so that a person is held in bondage by their own lusts and sin, going on a broad road that leads to destruction rather than to walk freely on His narrow path that leads to Freedom and Life.

Just saying in words that we Love God and one another, even going to church yet our deeds are contrary to that affect, then our Love is false, unfruitful, and that person has spiritually severed or coming close to

personally severing their relationship with God by their own hand and not God desiring to do so; However if we say and do what Jesus Christ commanded and taught as well as the Apostles instructed, then we have a good fruitful life now, a rightful standing in Jesus Christ as our Mediator before God the Father and a entrance abundantly into heaven and the Kingdom of God.

To do what Jesus commanded and instructed as well as Apostles, we need to continue in God's Word, which has the ability to wash us clean from sin and to set us free, because God's Word is Living and Active in the spiritual sense, Jesus Christ is the Word of God.

God Loves us steadfastly, and is with us through all trials, tribulations, temptations, we just need not to ignore or reject His love and goodness by taking His Grace lightly without concern of living a Holy life in Him, and not by learning nor obeying His commandments and teachings as true disciples of Jesus Christ should.

John 3:36 AJKV 36 The one who believes in the Son has eternal life; but the one who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."

If we kept Jesus' Commandments we remain in His Love

If we don't kept Jesus' Commandments we don't remain in His Love.

John 15:9-10. AJKV 9 Just as the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; remain in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and remain in His love.

His Love and Kindness leads us who believe back to repentance,

As God Loves us it is always "unmerited Love" but never 'always' 'unconditional Love' because according in context and content of many Biblical verses, God chooses to demonstrate and give His Love with certain conditions.

As believers, we are called to walk in obedience to His Commandments and continue to abide in Christ.

Obeying God's Commands is completely different from trying to obey the rituals and requirements of the old Law; Because now God writes His Law upon our hearts, and God's Love helps us to Walk in His Love.

While God's love is steadfast and freely given, there are certain circumstances and conditions to remain (to Abide) in His Love.

John 15:1 to 17 AKJV
1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the farmer. 2 Every branch in me that bears not fruit he takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, he purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches: He that stays in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done to you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be my disciples. 9 **As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you: continue you in my love.** 10 **If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.** 11 These things have I spoken to you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends, if you do whatever I command you. 15 From now on I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you. 16 You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain:

that whatever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.
17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

God's divine Love, Highest Love, Unmerited love is the foundation of our faith. It's a love that transcends our actions and is extended to us purely because of who God is. However, this love invites us into a response of faith and obedience. While our righteousness or good works don't earn us God's love, our belief and continued faith in Jesus Christ are vital to maintaining a vibrant relationship with Him. Obedience becomes an act of love and gratitude, a way to abide in His love and experience the fullness of His blessings.

We are to do the will of Jesus' Father in Heaven.

Matthew 7:21-27 AKJV 21 Not every one that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell not: for it was founded on a rock. 26 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house on the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.``

Obedience to God's Commandments is impossible, but through and with God all things are possible...

Matthew 19:15-26 AKJV 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed there. 16 And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said to him, Why call you me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but

if you will enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He said to him, Which? Jesus said, You shall do no murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 20 The young man said to him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said to him, If you will be perfect, go and sell that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. 23 Then said Jesus to his disciples, Truly I say to you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 **When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?** 26 But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, **With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.**

Not all individuals who just call themselves “christians” “will be saved, when they don’t follow the teachings of Jesus Christ; Simply going to a Christian Church building doesn’t make anyone a Christian. One must sincerely believe in Jesus Christ, by faith a true Christian is saved by the Grace of Jesus Christ alone, apart from works. However the evidence of true believer of Jesus Christ, will be the person’s obedience to the Commandments of Jesus Christ, and repenting from sin throughout their life. This is individual who is saved by God, who does the will of Jesus’ Father in Heaven and who is rightfully called a “Christian.” That person continues in God’s Word, and abides in the Love of God and Jesus Christ.

What other Ways and manners is God’s love given, demonstrated and received by us?

Such as “Unmerited”, “Enduring Love”, “Everlasting Love, Steadfast Love, just to name a few descriptive phrases that are sometimes used;

First of all, there is vast difference between descriptive phrases about God’s love, and the ways and manner describing ‘How’ God’s love is given

VS the spiritual virtues, and moral attributes, contained in God's love.

There are many different good characteristics of and pure virtues relating to God's 'Agape' Love that are far above any kind of earthy love that is tainted by sin and still coupled in bondage to evil. and many different manners He chooses to Love us; Here are a few related Scriptures.

Key Scriptures

- **Romans 5:8** (AKJV): "8 But God commands his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." God's unmerited love is shown by sending Jesus to die and atone for your sins even when we were not righteous and still sinners.
- **John 3:16** (AKJV): 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This well-known verse demonstrates God's unmerited and unconditional love by highlighting His willingness to sacrifice His Son for the salvation of humanity.
- **Jeremiah 31:3** (AKJV): 3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying, Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you. " God's love is everlasting, steadfast and eternal, full of loving kindness.
- **Psalm 136:26** (AKJV): 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven: for his mercy endures for ever." This phrase is repeated throughout Psalm 136 to emphasize God's enduring and merciful love.
- **1 John 4:9-10** (AKJV): 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- God's love is not based on our initial love for Him; rather, He loved us first. 1 John 4:9-10 - Reminds us that God's ultimate act

of love was sending Jesus Christ to die for our sins, even when we didn't love Him first.

- **Romans 8:38-39 (AKJV):** 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- **Isaiah 54:10 (AKJV):** 10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, says the LORD that has mercy on you.
- **Psalm 136:1 (AKJV):** O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.
- **Ephesians 2:4-5 (AKJV):** 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love with which he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, (by grace you are saved;)
- **Ephesians 3:18-19 (AKJV):** 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;19 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.” This passage describes the incomprehensible depth and vastness of God’s love, which goes beyond human understanding.
- **Titus 3:4-5 (AKJV):** 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- **1 John 4:9-10 (AKJV):** 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not

that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- **1 John 4:19** (AKJV): 19 We love him, because he first loved us.
- **Psalm 103:8-12** (AKJV): 8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9 He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10 He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- **Lamentations 3:22-23** (AKJV): 22 It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is your faithfulness.
- **Psalm 136:1** (AKJV): O give thanks to the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endures for ever.
- **Psalm 136:26** (AKJV): 26 O give thanks to the God of heaven: for his mercy endures for ever.
- **Isaiah 49:15** (AKJV): 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yes, they may forget, yet will I not forget you.
- **2 Thessalonians 3:5** (AKJV): 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.
- **Romans 11:29** (AKJV): 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.
- **Psalm 103:10-12** (AKJV): 10 He has not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- **Psalm 118:4-6** (AKJV): 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy endures for ever. 5 I called on the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place.⁶

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do to me?

- **Isaiah 63:9 (AKJV):** 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bore them, and carried them all the days of old.
- **Psalm 136:23-24 (AKJV):** 23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endures for ever: 24 And has redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endures for ever.
- **Romans 5:5 (AKJV):** 5 And hope makes not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given to us.

Is God's 'Agape' Love really always so called "unconditional love" in the truest sense / meaning of the phrase?

Short answer; No but read on Why ; Especially another section called - When was the Phrase " Unconditional Love " first reportedly used?

According to many scriptures is God's Word, The Bible, God sometimes chooses to give and demonstrate His 'Agape' Love, in some instances unconditionally and sometimes He chooses to give His 'Agape' Love along with certain conditions, So it's very confusing to use the Phrase ' Unconditional Love' and in so doing imply or teach in error that God's Love is a type of Love so called ' Unconditional Love' when there no such virtue of or within God's ' Agape' Love; The Truth is unconditionally is just the particular way that God decides to give His Love in various biblical circumstances, without any conditions and as I already mentioned another way God chooses to give His 'Agape' Love has certain conditions that He instructed and commands us to obey in order for anyone to receive more of His Love and good favor.

God's Divine Love is always 'unmerited' however His Love is never 'always unconditional' or so called ' Unconditional love ' Many times in scripture we see the conditions set forth by God of What and Whom God

Love's or Not Loves unless an individual has true godly sorrow and repents of various sinful evil behaviors , this could be described and understood as God's 'conditional' kind of Love. The conditions are repent, return to your first Love, Jesus Christ, and God does not Love any sin, evil or wicked way, scripture says that God hates the unrepentive wicked person so God doesn't have 'unconditional love' for that person or persons.

For instance, God hates the unrepentive rebellious Wicked people, Psalm 11:5 No one can fully hate and love someone at the same time, So the condition for God's Love is to repent. God chastens those whom He Loves in hopes that they will repent of their present state of depravity caused by willful practicing of any evil.

Yet the Wrath of God is towards anyone who is stubborn because of their continued deliberate sin without true remorse and repentance. That person is rejecting the Grace of Jesus Christ , then in that situation no longer has so called 'unconditional love' for that person nor the sin, the wrath of God is upon them not His Love. Although there is always hope and a solution for anyone for anyone to be restored to God's good favor and Love; And that solution and condition is again to Repent for Wickedness,

Willful obedience to God's commandments is one of the conditions to grow more in His love, so that we can truly Love God without our hearts and minds being divided between good and evil (lukewarm) and so that we truly love others in the Way that God intended; We're not talking anything in relation to Works that is something entirely different .

Unfortunately quite often today many Bible teachings and well meaning Christians use the man made phrase ' unconditional love' haphazardly in an attempt to give a definition to one of the virtues or characteristics to the Greek word "Agape, Agapao' and deficiently define it as always "unconditional love," for everybody and all situations. This is a very inaccurate, misleading relatively modern English translation that originated from a faulty humanist concept and now has become a not so obvious false doctrine that has crept into the Church in recent decades.

So how did this happen? Well because although it ‘sounds good’ on the surface, it’s really a deceptive hideous lie underneath.

Contrary to research of the Historical evidence, the phrase ‘unconditional love’ was never perceived, nor understood by the early church nor was it used over the centuries in any Biblical writings nor was it used any secular writings to define the Greek words “Agape” or “Agapao.” as “unconditional love” until around the early mid 1900’s.*

When was the Phrase “ Unconditional Love “ first reportedly used?

NOTE; Could not find any other writing before 1934 that used the term “ unconditional love” or “ unconditional positive regard”

“So, where and when did the concept of “unconditional love” originate?

“The term unconditional love most likely originated by, “ Eric Fromm, whom was a humanistic philosopher, psychoanalyst, ,democratic socialist, and Social Psychologist introduced this notion in 1934. He further developed and explored it in his influential work, “The Art of Loving,” published in 1956. It’s important to note that Fromm was an atheist who held strong reservations about authoritarian governments. He promoted a form of self-love that deviated from biblical teachings and openly opposed the principles of Christian faith.” Eric Fromm also drew on work from Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx . * (Credit)

“**Unconditional positive regard**,(unconditional love) was a concept initially developed by Stanley Standal in 1954, later expanded and popularized by the humanistic psychologist Carl Rogers in 1956, is the basic acceptance and support of a person regardless of what the person says or does, especially in the context of client-centred therapy.” (Credit - Wikipedia)

“Another figure who refined the idea of unconditional love was the humanist psychologist Carl Rogers. Known for his clinical therapy, Rogers played a significant role in shaping this concept, following in the footsteps

of Erich Fromm. Interestingly,” “Rogers’ upbringing was rooted in devout Pentecostal beliefs, but he ultimately turned away from Christianity, embracing Taoism instead. In his later years, Rogers became involved in the occult and advocated against the concept of fidelity in marriage. His philosophy could be summarized as “do what feels right.”

It’s worth noting that a portion of the church has adopted the term “unconditional love,” albeit possibly without fully considering its implications, because although it sounds like a somewhat good term on the surface at best, it is only a half truth and is a deviant departure from sound doctrine and away from the truth of the Gospel, whether it be an unintentional misunderstanding or intentional false teaching. It’s essential to recognize that the origins of this expression can be traced back to individuals like Erich Fromm and Carl Rogers, who held beliefs and philosophies that contrary and deviated from traditional Christian teachings.” (*Partly Paraphrased -Report - Author - Unknown)

Anyone who is humble and teachable, should be able to also conclude this departure of sound doctrine regarding the usage of term ‘unconditional love’ after doing some in depth or even basic research of the Historical evidence.

Let us reason together, I’m open myself for correction, regarding the historical evidence; However this correction may be hard for some to receive because this erroneous definitional phrase ‘unconditional love’ has been ingrained in today’s common biblical teachings for so long in recent years; So it will be somewhat controversial until anyone seeks the truth objectively here, if what I’m saying is true or not.

Above all God’s Love and Holy Spirit is faithful to guide us eventually into all Truth; Of coarse it goes almost without saying, always using God’s Word, the Bible, for the correct interpretation and meaning of words like “Agape” in the context and content of certain scriptures,

We’ve mistakenly allowed non-biblical psychological humanistic reasoning & philosophical terminology to try to form some of over

simplified definition incorrectly rather than using God's Wisdom, to give the understanding to any scripture or usage of any word contained in the Bible.

Paul warned the church at Colossae concerning this issue: "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Don't let anyone lead you away with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ" (Colossians 2: 6-8).

So the Greek words "Agape (Agapao)" in parts of the New Testament were more than likely perceived and understood as God's Highest Love, Divine Love, His Unmerited Love etc.* but always came with certain conditions. *(Agape and Agapao also had several other meanings and definitions)

While God's 'Agape love' can also be understood as 'impartial' towards our former state of sinfulness, to race, ethnicity, Social status, level of intelligence, etc. 'Agape' love should not be misconstrued as 'unconditional.'

If a Bible Teacher or Christian individual was determined and wanted to simplify one particular aspect or one characteristic of God's 'Agape love' it would be more appropriate to use a phrases something like God's 'Unmerited conditional Love ' rather than using misleading terminology such as 'unconditional love'. Although I don't encourage anyone to try to summarize the complexity of God's Love by 'only using' short descriptive phrases in an inclusive intended manner, trying imply an all encompassing meaning to describe God's Love.

Let's realize that God's Love includes many different Holy good virtues, attributes, righteous behaviors, moral values etc., that becomes apparent in part, in 1 Corinthians 13 and throughout God's word.

Throughout the Bible, God's conditional love is evident in His interactions with individuals and nations. His love often comes with expectations, calling for faith, obedience, and wholehearted devotion. For instance, Jesus Himself declared in John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands." This statement reflects the notion that God's love and our response to His love are intertwined.

Furthermore, God's discipline, corrections, and even judgment upon His people demonstrate the conditional nature of His love. Hebrews 12:6 states, "because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son." This implies that God's love can involve correction and pruning when we stray from His ways.

In short, while God's "Agape" Love is profound and immeasurable; it is not accurate to define it as just "unconditional love". Instead, it is better understood as unmerited love, grace and forgiveness of one's sins to be saved through what Jesus Christ has done and conditional response; such as repenting, believing in God's Word, having a genuine Faith, and so forth; Acknowledging the conditional aspects of God's love allows us to fully embrace our responsibility as faithful followers, responding to His love with obedience, reverence, and trust.

So in conclusion, According to Scripture , the correct answer would be "No" to say God's Love is 'unconditional' would be an over generalization statement and an inaccurate more relatively modern definition because there are numerous scriptures in the Bible the clearly, without question , that God's Love is conditional in many instances.

Those who created the phrase «unconditional love» are trying to form a new and different type of concept of love. Those who now use that phrase unknowingly to aiding in presenting a different Gospel that is always not dependent on any conditions or requirements.

A Different Gospel

Galatians 1:6 to 10 AKJV 6 I marvel that you are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ to another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel to you than that you have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

“Unconditional” is an adjective, and God’s “Love” is a noun. When those words are used separately they each have two very different meanings; When these two words are used together as “unconditional love,” there is an attempt to form a compound noun or a noun phrase with a new specific, single meaning or a new philosophical concept that is different from the meanings of the individual words and how they are understood or taken separately.

Now mistakenly some Christians and theologians have unwisely accept this new concept into our every day Bible teachings, and even sermons, most of the times with good intent but still wrong. It’s an error to apply or imply this earthly notion that God’s Love is always unconditional, which would now mean that God’s love is given freely and without limitations, regardless of circumstances or actions.

The danger in this, the enemy uses the flawed concept and understanding of the unbiblical concept term ‘unconditional love’ to confuse people that God’s always love’s and accepts everyone, always, and they never need to repent etc. and it’s ok to remain as they are, and further still when people use the term ‘unconditional love’ it implies that regardless if a Christian keeps on sinning and they don’t need to repent, and can remain just as they are. That God will always forgive them This causes Christians to stumble and thinking that they can remain in immoral

relationships, and evil ways, without any repercussions. God forbid; God's wrath is coming on anyone who betrays Jesus Christ without repenting away from their current evil ways.

SEE also, Watchman Publishing article - The Agape Deception

<https://www.watchmanpublishing.com/2019/02/25/the-agape-deception/>

Excerpt from the book, "The Utopia of a Strange Love: When the Love of God is Mishandled" by Tavares D. Robinson, Watchman Publishing

God's Love, is both unmerited and sometimes conditional, along with many other godly virtues, and characteristics.

God's unmerited love is exemplified in God's initiation of love toward sinners through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ on our behalf. His everlasting and enduring love is not dependent on our actions or worthiness. God's unmerited Love includes but not limited to His forgiveness, grace, and mercy, given to us who believe, and genuinely have faith in Jesus Christ who was alone sinless.

On the other hand, God's love is also conditional, as it's intertwined with our response of obedience, faith, and love toward Him. Obedience to God's commandments and a heart that loves and serves Him are reciprocations of our love for Him.

A few of the responses God requires all whom come to Him to receive His Love and to abide in His Love, are with the following conditions that we repent, believe in Him, that we have faith in Him and what He has done for us, and to obey His commandments in instructions of the New Testament, which are not burdensome. Those commandments may seem impossible, and with man alone it is impossible, but with God and his provisions all things are possible.

God's Love encompasses every virtue and attribute that is good and holy, for God is Love. God's Glory and Dunamis Powers, and Authority is infinity greater than anything or any being. Nothing that is evil exists in

Him or His Kingdom. God's calling is an invitation to engage in a loving relationship with Him through faithful obedience and a heart fully devoted to Him.

The depth and richness of God's character and His desire for a meaningful and reciprocated relationship with His creation.

All the evil, corruption, destruction, havoc, confusion, deterioration in this fallen world and the physical universe as we know it, is the result of sin, and satanic powers, and not because of our God;

God's Love in Jesus Christ is redeeming, reconciling, sanctifying, atoning, regenerating to transform us who believe in Him and so by we have been born again spiritually and have become a new creation.

Our willful responses to God's conditional aspects of His Love does not take away from His unmerited aspects of His Love, but rather supplements it and is the evidence to God that we have genuine faith in Him and follow Him.

Willfully obeying God's Commandments now while we are under His Grace, and with He's Holy Spirit enabling us, is completely different and apart from trying to fulfill the Old Law by unachievable rituals or by our good works solely relying on on our own self righteousness and physical strength.

One reason Why God may sometimes choose to give His Love with some Conditions is to see if a person is sincere to follow Jesus Christ, to see if a person really wants to Love God or just themselves and their desires. God's love that God wants to grow up into maturity and bear much good fruit to God's Glory. As God establishes His Love, and with our hearts and minds, it is a Love that persists through challenges, trials, and even our own failures. This Conditional aspects of God's love are rooted in His desire for our response. Obedience, faith, and love are important components of a thriving relationship with Him. Jesus emphasized this connection in John 15:9-10, where He urged His disciples to keep His commands in order to

remain in His love. Obedience is a demonstration of our love and trust in God's guidance and wisdom.

Throughout the Bible, we see that God's love and blessings often come as a response to obedience and repentance. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God promises to heal the land if His people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways. This reflects the conditional nature of His blessings based on our actions.

Additionally, God's conditional love involves a call to repentance and transformation. Revelation 2:4-5 addresses the church at Ephesus, pointing out that they had lost their initial love for God. The call to repentance implies that their relationship with God was conditional upon their response.

The interplay of God's unmerited Love and His conditional love in the Bible reveals the complexity and depth of God's relationship with humanity. While God's love is unchanging and always available, our response to His love influences the way we experience His blessings, favor, and intimate connection with Him.

In summary, God's love is both unwavering and responsive. His unmerited love provides a foundation of security and assurance, while His conditional love calls us to an active and obedient relationship with Him. Both aspects reveal His desire for a meaningful connection with humanity, one that encompasses His grace and our faith-filled response.

God's love is celebrated in Psalm 136:1 as enduring forever and being a fundamental aspect of His goodness. 1 John 4:16 reinforces that God is love, emphasizing the nature of His character. Jeremiah 31:3 echoes the sentiment of everlasting love, illustrating the depth of God's affection for His people.

Exodus 20:6 connects love with the obedience of God's commandments, indicating that God's love is conditional upon our response of love and obedience. John 14:21 emphasizes the reciprocal relationship between

love and obedience, where our love for God is mirrored by His love for us. Similarly, John 15:10 stresses the importance of keeping Christ's commands to remain in His love.

Not that we loved God first, rather God did, and His love is steadfast and sure.

Hosea 6:6 offers insight into the kind of love God desires—a sincere and intimate relationship rather than mere outward acts. Romans 2:6-7 outlines God's just response based on our actions, indicating that His love is conditional in the sense that it corresponds to our choices and deeds.

In summary, God's love encompasses both unconditional aspects that are rooted in His nature and character, and conditional aspects that involve our response, obedience, and acknowledgment of Him. Recognizing these dimensions enriches our understanding of God's love and prompts us to align our lives with His desires.

Is our Salvation based on our righteousness or the works that we've done?

Absolutely not. Our salvation is not based on our own righteousness, or the works we've done. The foundation of our salvation rests solely on the provision of Jesus Christ. In Ephesians 2:8-9, it's emphasized that we are saved by grace through faith, and this is not of our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast. Our works and righteousness are insufficient to earn salvation. In Romans 3:20, it's stated that no one will be justified in God's sight by the works of the law.

It's Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection that secures our salvation. Acts 4:12 makes it clear that there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved than that of Jesus Christ. Our salvation is entirely dependent on Christ's redemptive work, and apart from Him, there is no possibility of saving ourselves.

Furthermore, while our salvation is not achieved through our own efforts, it's crucial to understand that loving God and one another is a

natural outflow of a genuine faith in Jesus Christ. This love is the evidence that we truly believe and have accepted Christ's salvation. In John 13:34-35, Jesus Himself commands us to love one another as He has loved us, and He states that this love will be the identifying mark of His disciples. James 2:17 emphasizes that faith without works is dead. This means that genuine faith is accompanied by actions that reflect our love for God and others.

Neglecting the call to love God and one another can be an indicator and evidence to God that a person has not truly embraced the salvation offered by Christ, nor do they have a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ.

True and False Disciples

Matthew 7:21-23 AKJV 21 Not every one that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus warns about those who claim to know Him but do not do the will of His Father. He declares that only those who do the will of His Father will enter the kingdom of heaven. This underscores the importance of a transformed heart that desires to love and obey God.

Loving God and others is not a matter of earning salvation but rather a response of gratitude for the salvation God has freely provided through Christ. 1 John 4:19 tells us that we love because God first loved us. Our love for God and one another is a reflection of our appreciation for the way God has made for us through Jesus. It's an acknowledgment of His forgiveness, redemption, and the assurance of eternal life that we have received.

In conclusion, salvation is not achieved through our own righteousness, or works, but solely through Jesus Christ. However, the love we show towards God and others is a vital sign of our genuine faith and acceptance of His salvation. Loving God and one another is not a burden but a privilege, as it flows from our gratitude for the incredible gift of salvation in Christ.

God's Purpose and Plan

God's Calling For our Lives to Love and Minister to others

NOTE * While we are definitely called by God to Love others by doing His Works, and Minister to others, it must be noted that we are not Saved by our own works, nor can any Christian, Save another person, by Works. Our Works done in Christ can introduce someone to Jesus Christ, and it is Jesus Christ, alone who actually Saves someone, from their sins, by His Atoning Grace, made possible at the cross.

#1 We should to PRAY - ACKNOWLEDGE GOD - ASK GOD FOR DIRECTION and WISDOM IN MINISTERING TO OTHERS, God will direct our path. We should Pray often something like the following;

Father God, in the Name of Jesus, We pray that your Holy Spirit, would give us your Wisdom through your Word, God the Son, Jesus Christ. May you make known to us your perfect Will and Plan for each one of us, through the revelation by your Holy Spirit.

We ask that the Vision, the callings, and the purpose, that you alone personally can give to each one of us, would begin and continue to grow and bring forth good fruit in our lives, your people, so that we can truly Love others, as you have Loved us. We pray that you Lord, would graciously remove any obstacle or any sin, within any our lives, minds and hearts so that the light of the Gospel can shine in us and through us,, bringing daily revelation of your will, and the freedom to do all the Good Works as you purpose for us, so that that you would be Glorified and our joy would be made full.

We pray and ask that each one of us to be equip with spiritual gifts so that we can minister to other's specific needs.

We pray that Jesus Christ and your Holy Spirit would give us your Wisdom and Strength to faithfully follow you Jesus, and the ability to serve the needs of others, in your Agape Love.

Lord God, of the Harvest, we ask that you raise up many disciples, and send many Workers into the Harvest.

We thank you now, Father, we declare our Love for you with thanksgiving for everything, for your saving Grace, and for your steadfast Love; Deliver us O God, from temptations and evil, help us to remain faithful to do your Will, to Love you God and others, and to do your Good Works, always. And Above all to Love you God with all of Heart, Mind, and Strength and to Love one another as Jesus Christ Loved us. Amen.

Matthew 9:37-38 AKJV 37 Then said he to his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

God has a wondrous plan for every Christian's life. Each Christian should pray and ask God for specific direction every day. We need to wait daily upon God to reveal to each of us, His purpose and specific plans for using us. The most essential calling for any Christian's life is to fully learn, How to Love, as Jesus Loved us, and then demonstrate that same type of Agape Love to others each and every day of our life, as much as we are able. When we are Born Again, through believing in Jesus Christ, we are created anew to do various good works, according to His will. Know that God's purpose and plan for you is perfect;

Every Christian, throughout their lives are presented with numerous of opportunities to serve and to minister to others, and to walk in God's perfect plan for our individual lives . Some of main obstacles that keep us from walking in God's plan, are lack of God's Wisdom, laziness,

slothfulness, selfishness, pride, stubbornness, hatred, unconfessed sin, satanic powers, etc.

Just because we go to church on Sunday, does not mean that we are walking in God's Will and Love towards others, nor Love towards God nor our we fulfilling His plan for us, if we not doing various Good Works as God desires;

God still has a Steadfast Love for us, and remains Faithful when we are faithless, but He does not want us to take advantage of His Grace, and remain ineffective and useless. He wants us all to become transformed and Spiritually productive, fruitful.

Therefore, if anyone of us choose to neglect His plan to do good works in Love, we will wander aimlessly in vain, under a self illusion, throughout life, until we choose to follow His Way, again. God's Word and Holy Spirit will often convict us, of our lukewarmness, and unfaithfulness. By neglecting or ignoring to serve others through Jesus, we are being selfish, and not walking in Love, and are not partaking of Jesus Christ. (Remember Jesus Christ washing the feet of his disciples John 13:1-20)

We need to periodically examine our own self, to see if we are truly walking in a sincere Faith, by continuing to demonstrate God's Love to others through good deeds, or are we just being hypocritical, idle, not serving others much in any significant way. So if at any time, we find ourselves drifting away from God' s purpose, we need to turn around, and follow Jesus again, and serve others. God will not force us to serve, we must discipline ourselves to willing choose to serve others in good deeds, because we truly Love God, and appreciate all that He has done for us.

When we Love others by willing doing good works in Jesus name, we are fulfilled within our selves by truly fulfilling God's plan and His desire for our lives. This is being spiritual fruitful in demonstrating God's Love to others and He is well pleased, and has assured to reward all Christians who are willing obedient to do good works.

We are to serve and minister to the needs of, family members, fellow Christians, non-christians, Not under our own understanding and self assumed ways; Rather we are to achieve doing various works God's Way, as He intends, according to His Will, through the specific discretion, by the leading of the Holy Spirit. This is accomplished by maintaining a Spirit filled life and relationship with Jesus Christ, through prayer etc. and a life apart from unconfessed sin within our life.

While there are specific callings on a person's life by God, still every Christian has the universal calling to truly Love God and serve others, this is the greatest calling, and the all inclusive calling and greatest commandment of all.

We are Created by God for purpose of doing Good Works

Key Scriptures

Ephesians 2:10 For we are what he has made us, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Matthew 5:14-16 AKJV; 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works**, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Ephesians 1:18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might.

2 Peter 1:5-11 AKJV- 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 **Why the rather, brothers, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, you shall never fall:** 11 **For so an entrance shall be ministered to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Ephesians 4:1,2 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love.

Exhortations for Christians to do Good Works

Titus 3:8 AKJV. 8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that you affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Titus 3:14 AKJV. 14 And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 AKJV, 14 But continue you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them; 15 And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works.

John 14:12 AKJV. 12 Truly, truly, I say to you, He that believes on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to my Father.

God supplies His the Words of Wisdom and Strength to serve and to minister to others

1 Peter 4:10-11 AKJV 10 As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

It is JESUS who SENDS Us, His True Believers, Christian disciples to minister to others

Matthew 10:16. AKJV 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the middle of wolves: be you therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. Matthew 10:16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Luke 10:3 AKJV 3 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves.

When we minister to others, we've did it to Jesus.

Matthew 25:40 AKJV 40 And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me.

We should use our Talents from God to Minister to Others

Matthew 25:14-30 AKJV 14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man traveling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered to them his goods. 15 And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and dig in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants comes, and reckons with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, you delivered to me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said to him, Well done, you good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord. 22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, you delivered to me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. 23 His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful

over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord. 24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew you that you are an hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not strewed: 25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the earth: see, there you have that is yours. 26 His lord answered and said to him, You wicked and slothful servant, you knew that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed: 27 You ought therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received my own with usury. 28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it to him which has ten talents. 29 For to every one that has shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that has not shall be taken away even that which he has. 30 And cast you the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

We should be Wise and Faithful to Serve God, in Loving God and Loving your neighbor, by ministering to our neighbors spiritual, material, physical and mental needs

Matthew 22:37-40 AKJV 37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like to it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matthew 24:45-47 AKJV 45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he comes shall find so doing. 47 Truly I say to you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37 AKJV 25 And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said to him, What is written in the law? how read you? 27 And he

answering said, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. 28 And he said to him, You have answered right: this do, and you shall live. 29 But he, willing to justify himself, said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? 30 And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said to him, Take care of him; and whatever you spend more, when I come again, I will repay you. 36 Which now of these three, think you, was neighbor to him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus to him, Go, and do you likewise.

- Minister to others by giving food, shelter, clothing to the needy, and caring for your own family;
- Minister to others by visiting the sick, those in prison, show hospitality to strangers.

Key Scriptures

Matthew 25:34-46 AKJV 34 Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungered, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: 36 Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. 37 Then shall the righteous

answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you drink? 38 When saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you? 39 Or when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came to you? 40 And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me. 41 Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Isaiah 58:7-8 AKJV 7 Is it not to deal your bread to the hungry, and that you bring the poor that are cast out to your house? when you see the naked, that you cover him; and that you hide not yourself from your own flesh? 8 Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth speedily: and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

James 2:15-16 AKJV 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be you warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what does it profit?

Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Minister to others by Caring for the needs of your Christian brothers and sisters.

1 John 3:17 AKJV. 17 But whoever has this world's good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him?

Minister to others by visiting and caring for the needs of Widows and Orphans

James 1:27. AKJV 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

Deuteronomy 14:29 AKJV 29 And the Levite, (because he has no part nor inheritance with you,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

Minister to the Poor by giving Money, Charity

Mark 10:21 AKJV 21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said to him, One thing you lack: go your way, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 AKJV. 6 But this I say, He which sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which sows bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Every man according as he purposes in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 9 (As it is written, He has dispersed abroad; he has given to the poor: his righteousness remains for ever. 10 Now he that ministers seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) 11 Being enriched in every thing

to all bountifulness, which causes through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God; 13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution to them, and to all men; 14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

Matthew 19:21 AKJV 21 Jesus said to him, If you will be perfect, go and sell that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

More Blessed to Give

Acts 20:35 AKJV. 35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring you ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Give your Charity in Secret

Matthew 6:1-4 AKJV 1 Take heed that you do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise you have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. 2 Therefore when you do your alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward. 3 But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does: 4 That your alms may be in secret: and your Father which sees in secret himself shall reward you openly.

- **Minister to others by Serving their various needs and Sharing that which you have.**
- **Serve Others**

Mark 10:44-45 AKJV. 44 And whoever of you will be the most chief, shall be servant of all. 45 For even the Son of man came not to be

ministered to, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 AKJV 17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy; 18 That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

Minister to others by being Salt and Let your Light shine to others by Sharing, God's Word and Truth with them in Love, and Testify of Jesus

Matthew 5:13-16. AKJV 13 You are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his flavor, with which shall it be salted? it is thereafter good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it gives light to all that are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Colossians 4:5-6 AKJV 5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

Matthew 10:27 AKJV. 27 What I tell you in darkness, that speak you in light: and what you hear in the ear, that preach you on the housetops.

Isaiah 49:6 AKJV 6 And he said, It is a light thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give you for a light to the Gentiles, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.

Acts 26:15-18 AKJV 15 And I said, Who are you, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. 16 But rise, and stand on your feet: for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of these things which you have seen, and of those things in the which

I will appear to you; 17 Delivering you from the people, and from the Gentiles, to whom now I send you, 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 AKJV 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works.

2 Timothy 4:1-2 AKJV. 1 I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.

Matthew 28:16-20 AKJV 16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. 17 And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. 19 Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatever I have commanded you: and, see, I am with you always, even to the end of the world. Amen.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 AKJV. 14 But continue you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them; 15 And that from a child you have known the holy scriptures, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished to all good works.

God's instruction of our CONDUCT and our Spiritual CONDITION, when ministering to others

Be Wise - Speak Graciously

Colossians 4:5-6 AKJV 5 Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

2 Timothy 2:23-26 AKJV 23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do engender strifes. 24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle to all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will..

Matthew 10:16 AKJV. 16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the middle of wolves: be you therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Colossians 1:28 AKJV. 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

Be always Ready and prepared, to Witness when ministering

1 Peter 3:15-17 AKJV 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: 16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that you suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

Be a Christian Role Model with integrity when doing Good Works.

Titus 2:7-8 AKJV 7 In all things showing yourself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing soundness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech,

that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Titus 3:1 AKJV 1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Don't be Selfish or Seek your own interest, this will hinder your ministry to others

Philippians 2:1-4 AKJV 1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfill you my joy, that you be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. 3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

2 Timothy 4:1-5 AKJV 1 I charge you therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables. 5 But watch you in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of your ministry.

Titus 2:11-15 AKJV 11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. 15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise you.

Good Works should be demonstrated along with integrity

Titus 2:6-7 AKJV 6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things showing yourself a pattern of good works: in doctrine showing soundness, gravity, sincerity,

John 15:13 AKJV 13 Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Don't be Ashamed of Jesus, or sharing God's Word with others

Matthew 10:32-33 AKJV. 32 Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven

Mark 8:38 AKJV 38 Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Romans 1:16 AKJV 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God to salvation to every one that believes; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Matthew 11:4-6 AKJV 4 Jesus answered and said to them, Go and show John again those things which you do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he, whoever shall not be offended in me.

Minister to others by working by Faith the Spiritual Gifts of healing the Sick, etc, through the power of the Holy Spirit; Jesus Christ can work various miracles through any Christian. as He wills.

And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

1 Corinthians 12:1-31 AKJV 1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I would not have you ignorant. 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, even as you were led. 3 Why I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit with. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these works that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. 12 For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now has God set the members every one of them in the body, as it has pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 No, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no

need: but God has tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that part which lacked. 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members in particular. 28 And God has set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? 30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet show I to you a more excellent way.

John 14:26 AKJV. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said to you.

Hebrews 2:4 AKJV 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

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Matthew 10:8. AKJV 8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely you have received, freely give.

Minister to your enemies, - Love for your Enemies

Matthew 5:43-48 AKJV 43 You have heard that it has been said, You shall love your neighbor, and hate your enemy. 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That

you may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love them which love you, what reward have you? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if you salute your brothers only, what do you more than others? do not even the publicans so? 48 Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

Reward for being a Faithful Servant of Christ

Matthew 16:27-28 AKJV. 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. 28 Truly I say to you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming

Revelation 22:12 AKJV 12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Matthew 16:24-28 AKJV 24 Then said Jesus to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. 28 Truly I say to you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Colossians 3:23-24 AKJV 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not to men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ.

Luke 6:38 AKJV. 38 Give, and it shall be given to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete with it shall be measured to you again.

Proverbs 19:17 AKJV 17 He that has pity on the poor lends to the LORD; and that which he has given will he pay him again.

Proverbs 22:9 AKJV 9 He that has a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he gives of his bread to the poor.

James 2:14 to 18 AKJV 14 What does it profit, my brothers, though a man say he has faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be you warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what does it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yes, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

TO WHOM and FOR WHOM, can we minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? To whom should we help, give our time and resources ?

We should make an effort daily to reach individuals and groups of people who are among various facets of society. They all need the Love of Jesus Christ and need to know the Good News of salvation and Eternal Life.

Don't assume that someone else will come to them rather pray daily for God to show you personally who to go to and How. Then take action. >

This is How we become good and faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

The rewards are great, only be strong and of good courage. Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit will be with you, to give you the ability and the words to share...

EXAMPLES >

TO WHOM and FOR WHOM, can we minister the Love and Truth of JESUS to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? To whom should we help, give our time and resources ?

Family

Friends

Children

Youth

Enemies

General Public

Church Members

Other Christians
Non-Christians

Elderly

Widows

Sick People

Homeless
Needy/Poor

Hungary Individuals

Hospitalized Individuals

Troubled Teens
Abused / Neglected Children

Crime Victims

Families of Victims

Families of Prisoners

Prisoners

Juvenile delinquents

Grade School Children

High School Children

College Students

Tourists

Military Personal

Runaways

Abused Women

Abused Men
Lost - Search / Rescue
Leaders/ Civic / World

Singles

Single Parents

Divorced

Survivors

Gangs

Gang member

Prostitutes

Pimps

Drug abusers

Drug dealers

Sexual immoral persons

Business Individuals

Health minded people

Readers

Listeners

People with disorders

Needy Individuals

Musicians

Singers

Dancers

Civil Servants

Police

Firefighters

Postmen

Medical field workers

Doctors

Nurses

Refugees

Injured
Cult Believers / Followers

Sinners

Politicians

Sports Athletes

Ethnic Individuals

Ethnic Groups

Employees

Bosses

Leaders
Co-Workers

Travelers

Orphans

Patients

Alcoholics

Drug Abusers

Disaster Victims

Audiences

Troubled / Stressed Individuals

Depressed Individuals

Demonic oppressed

Demonic Possessed individuals

Observers

Lukewarm Individuals

Complaisant individuals

Religious Individuals
Un-Believers

All Foreigners

Strangers

Through **WHAT** ways and means, can we truly minister the Love and Truth of **JESUS** to others in the our local Community and to those in Foreign Countries ? For instance...

The Holy Spirit

Thoughts

Words

Deeds

servants

By Helping others in numerous ways

Prayer

Our lifestyle / walk

Scripture / Word of God

Bible Distribution

Scripture sharing - God's Word

Songs - Christian

Poems - Christian

Christian Tract distribution

Sign Language

Television

Radio

Photography

Video

Newspaper

Newsletter
Internet, Blogs, Chat, Social Network Sites,

Christian Books

Booklets

Food distribution to hungry
Water (Wells) to the thirsty

Clothing distribution to needy

Shelter to the homeless

Various supplies/goods to the needy

Transportation for the needy

Money to the needy

Medical supplies

Medical service / assistance

Dental assistance

Emergency Relief work

Emergency service

Various helps

Counseling service

Youth Crisis Hotline

Youth Crisis assistance

Civil defense

Natural Disaster relief / assistance

Jesus Film

Christian Films

Discipleship

Can we neglect God's Love, drift away, Back slide without repenting, and/or Reject God's Love, Betray God's Love & Goodness and separate ourselves from God and His Love?

YES according to God's Word in the Bible - It is possible for a person to neglect their salvation and not be saved, if that person continues to willfully practice various sins, without repenting; However God wants every person claiming to be a Christian (and non-Christian) to truly repent, to continue to turn away from their sins, and not be lukewarm; So If that person does repent, and abide properly in the Grace of Jesus Christ, they can still be saved and receive eternal life.

We are commandment by Jesus Christ, to love one another as He has Loved us, and that is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit, and if we purpose to turn away from deliberate sin. If and when we deliberately sin, we are not walking in God's Love.

If we as a self proclaimed Christian, choose to purposely sin, we are hypocrites, and bearing bad spiritual fruit.

God help us to not be lead into temptation, but deliver us from evil, so that we can bear good spiritual fruit.

Therefore we should always purpose in our minds and hearts to turn away from all evil and overcome recommitting various sins, and with the power and help of the Holy Spirit, that is in Christ Jesus our Lord, to take up our cross daily and die to self, as we follow Jesus Christ. And thereby abide properly in God's grace, mercy, forgiveness and His Love. By so truly believing in and following Jesus Christ with sincere Faith in Him , we then will receive Eternal life, our Salvation will be secured, and not neglected.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 2:1-4 AKJV 1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let

them slip (So that we do not drift away from the faith) . 2 For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

2 Peter 2:1 to 22 AKJV 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privately shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingers not, and their damnation slumbers not. 4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved to judgment; 5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample to those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) 9 The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust to the day of judgment to be punished: 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. 11 Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. 12 But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; 13 And shall receive the reward

of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; 14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: 15 Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbade the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. 18 For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. 20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. 22 But it is happened to them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

Galatians 5:13 to 24. AKJV 13 For, brothers, you have been called to liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 15 But if you bite and devour one another, take heed that you be not consumed one of another. 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. 18 But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the

law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Contentions, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Matthew 25:31 to 46 AKJV 31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungered, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in: 36 Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came to me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you drink? 38 When saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you? 39 Or when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came to you? 40 And the King shall answer and say to them, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you have done it to one of the least of these my brothers, you have done it to me. 41 Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did

not minister to you? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Willful Sin

Hebrews 10:19-39 AKJV 19 Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching. 26 **For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins,** 27 **But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.** 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that has said, Vengeance belongs to me, I will recompense, said the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. 32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great fight of afflictions; 33 Partly, whilst you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst you became companions of them that were so used. 34 For you had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that you have in heaven a better and an

enduring substance. 35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which has great recompense of reward. 36 For you have need of patience, that, after you have done the will of God, you might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back to perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Lukewarm

Revelation 3:14-22 AKJV 14 And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things said the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. 16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. 17 Because you say, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit said to the churches.

The Broad Way

Matthew 7:13-14.AKJV 13 Enter you in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads to life, and few there be that find it.

A Tree and Its Fruit

Matthew 7:15 to 23 AKJV 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. 16 You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Why by their fruits you shall know them. 21 Not every one that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.

Hearers but do not act on the words of Jesus Christ;

Matthew 7:24-29 AKJV 24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell not: for it was founded on a rock. 26 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house on the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. 25 The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who

built his house on sand. 27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

28 Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

1 John 3:5 to 17 AKJV 5 And you know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whoever stays in him sins not: whoever sins has not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever is born of God does not commit sin; for his seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother. 11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. 12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And why slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. 13 Marvel not, my brothers, if the world hate you. 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brothers. He that loves not his brother stays in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But whoever has this world's good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwells the love of God in him?

Matthew 24:12

AKJV 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Matthew 6:15 AKJV 15 But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Eternal Salvation is only for those who purpose to “ Obey “ Jesus Christ while under His Grace that cleanses them from their sins as a Christian;

Hebrews 5:7-9 During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8 Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

If we don’t “ Confess “ our sins to God, and “ Walk in Light “ and “ Repent “ Turn away from our sins as the Holy Spirit reveals our sin as we walk in the light of Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:5-10 AKJV. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleans us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

If anyone denies Jesus before men

Matthew 10:32-33 AKJV 32 Whoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. 33 But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

If we don’t Repent of sin as the Holy Spirit reveals

Luke 13:2 (AKJV): 2 And Jesus answering said to them, Do you suppose that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things?

Revelation 2:4-7 (AKJV): 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate. 7 He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches; To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the middle of the paradise of God.

James 2:14-18 (AKJV): 14 What does it profit, my brothers, though a man say he has faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say to them, Depart in peace, be you warmed and filled; notwithstanding you give them not those things which are needful to the body; what does it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yes, a man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

Matthew 16:24-28 AKJV 24 Then said Jesus to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whoever will save his life shall lose it: and whoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works. 28 Truly I say to you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

Apostasy - Falling away of pseudo christians;

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 AKJV 1 Now we beseech you, brothers, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together to him, 2

That you be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Apostasy - Falling away of pseudo christians;

Some are “ shipwrecked concerning the faith “; Without faith impossible to please God, nor can one be saved without a sincere faith;-

1 Timothy 1:18-20 (AKJV): 18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on you, that you by them might war a good warfare; 19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:20 Of whom is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered to Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

Apostasy - Falling away of pseudo christians;

1 Timothy 4:1-2 AKJV 1 Now the Spirit speaks expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, (HOW is that possible ?) giving heed to (by paying attention to) seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

Hardened Heart - HOW?

By the deceitfulness of unrepented willful sin

Hebrews 3:7 to 14 AKJV. 7 Why (as the Holy Ghost said, To day if you will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Why I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I swore in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) 12 Take heed, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of

unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end;

Romans 2:4-5 AKJV 4 Or despise you the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But after your hardness and impenitent heart treasure up to yourself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

Counterfeit faith, False Faith

2 Timothy 3:1 to 9. AKJV 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholie, 3 Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest to all men, as their's also was.

We are to do the will of Jesus' Father in Heaven.

Matthew 7:21-27 AKJV 21 Not every one that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity. 24 Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does

them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell not: for it was founded on a rock. 26 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house on the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

Not all individuals who just call themselves "christians" will be saved, when they don't follow the teachings of Jesus Christ; Simply going to a Christian Church building doesn't make anyone a Christian. One must sincerely believe in Jesus Christ, by faith a true Christian is saved by the Grace of Jesus Christ alone, apart from works. However the evidence of true believer of Jesus Christ, will be the person's obedience to the Commandments of Jesus Christ, and repenting from sin throughout their life. This is individual who is saved by God, who does the will of Jesus' Father in Heaven and who is rightfully called a "Christian." That person continues in God's Word, and abides in the Love of God and Jesus Christ.

Then How can anyone be saved, Abide in God's Love and receive enter life?

...“With man it impossible but with God all things are possible.”
(Matthew 19:15-26)

Matthew 19:15-26 AKJV “15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed there. 16 And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said to him, Why call you me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He said to him, Which? Jesus said, You shall do no murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 20 The young man said to him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said to him, If you will be perfect, go and sell that

you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 22 But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions. 23 Then said Jesus to his disciples, Truly I say to you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24 And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 25 When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 But Jesus beheld them, and said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.”

Return to our First Love in Jesus Christ; We should not forsake the love that we had at first, Repent and do the deeds in Love that we did at first in Jesus Christ

The verse that exhorts us to “return to your first love” is found in the book of Revelation, specifically in Revelation 2:4-6 Here’s the verse quoted:

Revelation 2:4-6 AKJV 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against you, because you have left your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you are fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come to you quickly, and will remove your candlestick out of his place, except you repent. 6 But this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

In this verse, Jesus is addressing the church in Ephesus, one of the seven churches mentioned in the letters to the churches in Revelation. This message from Jesus carries significant spiritual and practical insights for us today, even though it was directed to a specific church.

Explanation: Jesus’ words in Revelation 2:4 emphasize the importance of maintaining the initial love and devotion that believers have for Him. This “first love” represents the genuine, fervent, and passionate love that individuals often experience when they first encounter the grace, mercy, and truth of Christ. It’s the love that compels us to follow Him

wholeheartedly, to seek Him diligently, and to live out our faith with enthusiasm.

It is a love that compels us to do the deeds that we did at first out of love and appreciation to God our Father and Jesus Christ, for all that they have done for us.

However, over time, it's possible for our love and devotion to wane due to various factors. The pressures of life, the distractions of the world, complacency, or a focus on religious activities can gradually erode the intimacy of our relationship with Jesus. This can lead to a state where we are doing many good things but may have lost the deep, personal connection and fervent love that characterized our initial encounter with Christ.

Jesus' call to "return to your first love" is a gentle yet firm reminder for believers to examine their hearts, recognize any areas of spiritual drift, and take deliberate steps to rekindle that initial passion for Him. It's a call to repentance and renewal, to prioritize our relationship with Him above all else.

By returning to our first love, we are essentially recommitting ourselves to Christ, seeking to know Him intimately, and allowing His love to be the driving force in our lives. It involves rekindling our zeal for prayer, studying His Word, worshipping Him sincerely, and living out His love in our interactions with others.

In essence, the verse serves as a loving invitation from Jesus to reassess our priorities, reignite our passion for Him, and reestablish the deep, intimate relationship we had at the beginning of our faith journey. It's a call to experience the fullness of His love and to live in the joy and devotion that come from walking closely with Him.

Returning to everything that we first loved in God the Father and Jesus Christ is of paramount importance in our walk of faith. It's a call to revisit the fervor, devotion, and zeal that initially ignited our hearts when we first

encountered God's unconditional and transformative love. The concept of returning to our first love is beautifully captured in Revelation 2:4-5, where the Ephesian church is urged to remember their initial passion for Christ and repent of their spiritual decline. This serves as a reminder to believers throughout history that our relationship with God is meant to be a continuous of growth, deepening intimacy, and active service.

When we first come to faith, we are often filled with awe and gratitude for the immense love and grace we receive from God. Our hearts overflow with joy and a desire to serve Him wholeheartedly. However, over time, the busyness of life, distractions, and even complacency can creep in, causing us to lose sight of our first love. The significance of returning to that initial love is to realign ourselves with the heart of God, rekindling the passion we once had.

The scriptural references echo this theme. In Revelation 2:4-5, Jesus implores the Ephesian church to remember, repent, and do the works they did at first. This rekindling is not just about nostalgia; it's about reigniting the flame of devotion that drives us to serve and love God and others with authenticity and sincerity. Through the metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus emphasizes the necessity of abiding in Him to bear fruit (John 15:4-5). Returning to our first love helps us abide in Christ and bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Re-engaging in the good works we did in our initial fervor is an act of obedience and worship. It's an outpouring of gratitude for the immense love and grace we have received. It's a way of expressing our love for God by loving and serving those around us. James 2:26 reminds us that faith without works is dead. Our actions are an outward manifestation of our inner love for God. When we return to our first love and carry out good works, we are living testimonies of God's transformative power, and our lives become beacons of light that draw others to Him.

Returning to our first love and reigniting the passion for good works isn't a one-time event; it's a continuous process. It involves daily surrender, dying to our selfish desires, picking up our cross and with intentional pursuit of God's presence, and an unwavering commitment to living out our faith. As we realign ourselves with God's heart, we not only experience a renewed sense of purpose and joy but also become vessels of His love, grace, and transformation in a world that desperately needs it.

It's a spiritual imperative. When we first encounter the incredible love of God, it's a life-transforming experience that fills our hearts with awe, gratitude, and an unquenchable desire to follow Him wholeheartedly. However, as time goes on and the challenges of life accumulate, we might find ourselves drifting away from that initial fervor. The call to return to our first love is a divine invitation to rekindle the fire of our devotion, renew our commitment, and restore the passion that fueled our faith journey.

The parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15 beautifully illustrates the Father's heart towards those who have strayed. Regardless of our past mistakes, failures, or even falling away from the faith, God's love remains unwavering. He longs for our return, just as the father in the parable eagerly welcomed his wayward son back with open arms. The Bible assures us in 1 John 1:9 that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Our return to God is not met with condemnation, but with open arms of grace, mercy, and restoration.

The story of the lost sheep in Luke 15:3-7 reminds us that all of heaven rejoices over one sinner who repents. When we turn our hearts back to God and realign our lives with His purposes, there is joy in the heavenly realms. This emphasizes the immense value God places on our return to Him, regardless of how far we may have strayed. His love is patient, compassionate, and ready to embrace us once again.

Returning to our first love and the good works we once did is an act of obedience and trust. We acknowledge that God's ways are higher than ours,

and His plans for us are rooted in love and purpose. As we take steps of faith to return, God's grace empowers us to overcome obstacles and challenges that may have hindered us in the past. It's a journey of reconciliation, renewal, and rediscovering the joy of God's presence.

The Lost Sheep

Luke 15:3 to 7 AJKV 3 And so He told them this parable, saying, 4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the other ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? 5 And when he has found it, he puts it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost!’ 7 **I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.**

The Lost Coin

Luke 15:8 to 9 AJKV 8 “Or what woman, if she has ten [d]silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, because I have found the coin which I had lost!’

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:10-32 AKJV 10 **In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** 11 And He said, “A man had two sons. 12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that is coming to me.’ And so he divided his wealth between them. 13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey to a distant country, and there he squandered his estate in wild living. 14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began doing without. 15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the

citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed pigs. 16 And he longed to have his fill of the carob pods that the pigs were eating, and no one was giving him anything. 17 But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired laborers have more than enough bread, but I am dying here from hunger! 18 I will set out and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired laborers.”’ 20 So he set out and came to his father. But when he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion for him, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21 And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’** 22 But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet; 23 and bring the fattened calf, slaughter it, and let’s eat and celebrate; 24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’ And they began to celebrate.

25 “Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he summoned one of the servants and began inquiring what these things could be. 27 And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.’ 28 But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and began pleading with him. 29 But he answered and said to his father, ‘Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and yet you never gave me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends; 30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you slaughtered the fattened calf for him.’ 31 And he said to him, ‘Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours. **32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has begun to live, and was lost and has been found.”**’

Parable of Two Debtors

Luke 7:40 to 50 AJKV 40 And Jesus responded and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he replied, “Say it, Teacher.” 41 “A moneylender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other, fifty. 42 When they were unable to repay, he canceled the debts of both. So which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon answered and said, “I assume the one for whom he canceled the greater debt.” And He said to him, “You have judged correctly.” 44 And turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You gave Me no kiss; but she has not stopped kissing My feet since the time I came in. 46 You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 47 **For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little, loves little.**” 48 And He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” 49 And then those who were reclining at the table with Him began saying to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?” 50 And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

In conclusion,

God's Love is steadfast, no matter how far we've wandered or how many wrong turns we've taken, God's love is waiting for us. His arms are open wide, inviting us to come back to Him. Psalm 34:18 assures us that the Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Our return is an opportunity to experience His comfort, healing, and restoration. It's a testament to the enduring nature of God's love, which stands firm even when we falter.

All we need to do is to repent, and return to our first love in God the Father and Jesus Christ, and continue doing the good fruitful works we once did is an act of spiritual renewal and recommitment. It's an acknowledgment that God's love surpasses our failures and mistakes, and

His grace is sufficient to restore us. Regardless of the circumstances, God eagerly awaits our return and rejoices over every repentant heart. Our return back to Him is met with His divine Love, forgiveness, and the promise of a restored relationship.

Final Exhortation and Prayer;

It is my final exhortation and prayer that all of God's people and children around the world would come to know, experience and share God's love completely, without hindrance and even those whom He yet is calling to come to Him to be saved,

May we all comprehend the fulness and essence of the Love that Jesus Christ has done and still is doing and giving today, that has always been clearly and profoundly demonstrated by Him, throughout time, by His words and His actions.

Here is a Word for you and me today and everyday, to examine ourselves, as the Apostle Paul instructed; So is our hearts true and following after the things of God and His Love? Asking ourselves are we in the faith, is it genuine or is anything still in our hearts causing us to purely Love or to fall away, and whether we realize it or not, attempting to deceitfully cause any one of us to betray Jesus Christ and/ or to abuse His Grace? How? By any one of continuing do something that is evil, instead of repenting; Therefore Let us remain awake to the deception of the evil one, who is testing our hearts before God. Let us be teachable, seek, desire, learn, and pursue God's virtues and His Love to be established in us, by our correct response to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

Lord show us if there remains any wicked way in us that needs to bought to the cross, so that we can die to our own selfish desires and to any sin and evil earthly lustful pleasures that are contrary to you and your Love.

Are any of us, you or me, being lukewarm or hypocritical in any way, before you, God ? Let us not be self-deceived with our present condition; Let us allow God our Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and Holy Spirit , to

shape our spiritual lives into God's divine image by us also dying to our selfish evil desires, even though our position in Christ remains secure.

Let us ask ourselves are we lukewarm or hypocritical with a false assumption of some sort of holiness and goodness; Are we abusing God's Grace in any way, and possibly having a heart and life departing from God and His Way through our evil desires and pleasures, and the cares of this world. Are we doing anything that is contrary to God's Love ? Or Are we ignoring the cries and those in need, without giving and serving, and ministering to them with God's Love and talents that He freely gave to us ?

Please God show us , if there is any evil that we need to repent of today?

Create in us a clean heart o Lord and renew in us a right spirit ...

Let us repent therefore, for the Kingdom of God is at hand and Live only completely for Him and in Him. Let us always Return to our First Love in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Father God, YaHWeH, we humbly come before you in prayer, through and in your Son's Name, Jesus Christ , Yeshua, and by your Holy Spirit and ask;

it is our earnest hope, prayer and deepest desire for all us whom sincerely seek and desire to know your Love personally and wholeheartedly, would come to know you YaHWeH more and more each day, to know What is Love and What is Not Love, and would receive your Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding.

May each day as we hear your voice that we would not harden our hearts, but receive the insight of your will for us, which is to believe, to obey you YaHWeH and to Love others as Jesus Christ Loved us; Above all to Love you God, 'with all our heart, mind and strength' as one.

May we not be lead into temptation, but resist the devil to flee; And when and if we sin and do evil, that we Repent, change direction in our

minds and actions, taking every thought captive to the obedience of you Father and your Son, Jesus Christ. May we ask you, Father God in sincere prayer to deliver us from all evil.

We thank you God for the Love in Jesus Christ that you have graciously given us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Praise you God

May we abide in your grace and mercy and your Son, Jesus Christ, and Return to our First Love, purposing not to continue to practice any sin deliberately, but rather to overcome evil with the strength of your Holy Spirit, and the atoning blood of the Lamb, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, by Faith.

May we be fully established in your Love O God , which is steadfast, enduring and may they be good examples to bring your Light, Love, truth and Good News of salvation to the people of every tribe, country. Your Love is always steadfast, victorious and never fails to accomplish what you will and in the way that you purpose best in your scope of everything considered, perfect time and purpose.

May each one of us, humble ourselves before you o God Almighty, and become and be a true Disciple of Jesus Christ, continuing in His Word, so that His Truth will set us free, and to fully established and grounded in your Love and goodness in every way as you intended.

With the utmost Thanksgiving to you O God; May we always abide in your Love and goodness always forever.

May we be always faithful to Love you O God and to share your Love to the people here where we are and to every part of the world, always with a pure motive, and in tangible significant ways, according to your will O God.

For your Glory O God. Forever

May the Lord Bless you and keep you within His Love and Truth in all spiritual Wisdom, so that all of you would bear much good spiritual fruit, and Abide in the Love of God the Father, (YaHWeH, Elohim, I AM,

Adonai, Jehovah), Jesus Christ (Yeshua Hamashiach) and the Holy Spirit, as one, Forever.

Chapter 2

WHAT IS NOT LOVE ?

INTRODUCTION

“Whoever does not love, does not know God,
because God is Love.”

1 John 4:8

Often we don't realize or understand that the things that we say or do, are completely contrary to true Love, and really are actions exhibiting Not Love at all, according to God's standard.

So, What is NOT Love, as God instructs in His Word found in the Bible ?

How can we perceive and understand, What is Not Love ?

What should we not do, in order for us to truly Love as God intended ?

REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND (MATTHEW 4:17)

As Christians, believers and followers of Jesus Christ, we should always sincerely desire to receive and to become fully established in the quality of Love which comes only from God's Spirit;

In order to grow in God's kind of Love, more and more each day, we need to repent (turn away) from the sin, and any evil that is not love, that the Holy Spirit reveals in our life.

Unrepented sin, will always hinder, God's Love from being further established and keep it from being demonstrated through us. This is because God's Love is truly pure and fruitful, good and perfect in nature. God's Love is contrary to sin. For example if I hate a particular person, or

have unforgiveness towards a person, God does not want to thoroughly demonstrate His Love through me until I repent, and forgive that individual. I don't need to agree to any wrong that a person has done, but I must forgive them in my heart before God. Likewise it's simply impossible to truly Love someone, while I'm busy hating that person. It just cannot be done. God wants us to bless and have Love for enemies so that they may possibly change spiritually, but also, regardless, so that we ourselves would be able to grow more in God's kind of Love, by repenting, and then the Holy Spirit can work freely through us.

God has already Loved us so much, while we yet sinners, and sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ to save us; God continues to work in our lives to establish His Love within those us who have faith in Jesus Christ.

It is God's work in establishing the fulness of His Love within any believer, so all Glory goes to God. However there are still certain responses to God and instructions that God wants of us to do, so we won't hinder God's Love being established within our hearts by God.

Let all of us, as Christians, who do hope for and seek, God's kind of Love and righteousness, to be established within our hearts, through Jesus Christ, let us be faithful in doing a few things including to sincerely repent (Turn away) from doing various sins and evil ways ...

When Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whom was and is sinless , died and atoned for our sins at the cross, and then resurrected Alive - He alone accomplished the Victory over sin and death; " It is Finished " Now is only our response to His Sacrificial Divine Love, and that is to do the Will of God, To Love and overcome sin and to put away everything that is Not Love, as the Bible Instructs; To take our cross daily and die to old carnal natural and evil ways while living in His grace, mercy and forgiveness properly, and being enable to Love God and one another as Jesus Christ Loved us, and overcome sin, by God's Holy Spirit working in and through our lives.

Some of our responses to God's Love and Commandments so that we can grow in His Love the Way God intended and Not do that which is Not Love;

1. To Learn , Meditate on, and Hear the Word of God
2. Humble ourselves, acknowledge God, and Lean not to our own previous imperfect understanding of What is Love and What is NOT Love, and so forth as God's Word instructs.
3. Believe in Jesus Christ and His Word, the Gospel
4. Maintain a sincere personal relationship with God the Father, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit, along with prayer, worship, thanksgiving
5. Trust in God
6. Confess our sins to God
7. Repent, Turn away from sin and evil daily, as God's Holy Spirit convicts our hearts, and guides us into all truth
8. Receive the Grace of Jesus Christ and the forgiveness for all of our sins ..
9. PRAY to God - “ Not to be lead into Temptation ...” “ Deliver us from Evil”
10. Ask for, in prayer, for God's Holy Spirit , and God's Wisdom of Jesus Christ
11. Respond to the Holy Spirit, Have a reverent fear & respect for God, His Grace and His Love; Don't allow ourselves to remain doing anything hypocritically that is evil
12. Continue in God's Word daily and receive His Word into our hearts by faith and obey and follow Jesus' commandments and sayings. Do the Will of God. His truth will set us free of sin, and evil.
13. Always sincerely purpose in our hearts not to practice any sin that the Holy Spirit convicts our hearts of. Continue to repent from all sin and to overcome every evil way in our lives, as God's

Word of truth and the Holy Spirit will reveal those sins to each one of us and also enable us to overcome them.

14. Live by Faith in Jesus Christ
15. Abide in God's Love, Grace, Mercy properly, & not abuse it
16. Beware of false teachers and false christs
17. Confess Jesus Christ before others -
18. Minister to and serve the needs of others, We can only serve one Master
19. Above all to Love God, with all of our mind, heart and strength
20. Love one another as Jesus Christ Loved us

REPENT, The Kingdom of God is at hand; Turn from sin & bear forth True Love & of Good Fruit & Works The Bible reveals in Jesus Christ, and throughout God's Word, - What is truly Love, and What is Not Love. We learn, while we were yet sinners, God Loves us. Even though God's Love " comes " to us, we still need His Love to abide " in " us, and we still need to " grow " in His Love.

TAKE HEED, AND UNDERSTAND, Just " To Know " and " To Believe ", God's word concerning Love, while essential, still will not effectually establish God's Love within anyone, unless we genuinely Follow Jesus Christ and continue by Faith; A sincere Faith in God and in Jesus Christ, Faith in what God has already done and will do for us, through mainly the work of His Holy Spirit.

A sincere faith by any believer is the assurance of what is good that we should Hope for, which is in Jesus Christ to be within us and to apply and to also do , What God asks, instructs and commands of us in His Word, Bearing Good Spiritual Fruit & Works is not what saves us; However it is the results & evidence to God that we sincerely willingly believed & followed Jesus Christ in a genuine relationship with Him.

Being able to turn away from temptation, sin, and overcoming evil, Is God's work in us by the Holy Spirit, sanctifying and regenerating our lives to become a new creation in Christ, growing up to His maturity of Love.

I'm not saying that we will perfectly do all that He asks and commands us to do, each and every time; We as Christians will all still fail, and sin from time to time; Thank God for His Grace and forgiveness.

What I'm saying is that we should respond to God's will, and not ignore and reject what He's instructing each of us to do and not to do. Rather we should all persevere, in just doing our part, so that we won't hinder His Love from being established in us, and so that His Love will abound too many.

I'm also not saying it all depends on our faith either, because God is Faithful even while we are faithless; I'm not saying that in any way that we can attempt to do the work of the Holy Spirit within us.

What I'm saying that we should only do our portion that God asks and commands us to do, so that His Holy Spirit will continue to come and do the perfect work within each of us and through us.

If I say that I believe a certain scripture in the Word of God instructing me to repent, turn away , from doing a particular sin, yet I choose to continue in doing that sin, then I'm not speaking the truth, nor am I walking in God's Love.

Then it is essential to ask God to forgive me, and then repent, turn away from doing various sins as God reveals, then God will continue to transform and regenerate my life to truly Love, with His Love, given by Holy Spirit.

Remember, regardless of how much we fail, we should always return to God, return to our first Love, return to God's Grace in Jesus Christ, repent, continue to trust in God, because God is able to fill us with the fullness of His Love, and complete the work that He began in us.

Yes, Indeed God's Love is merciful towards all those who have sinned and continue to sincerely repent;

Yet true Godly Love does not condone evil to remain within ourselves. God does not want anyone to knowingly purpose to sin and practice any

sin; However when we do sin and fall short, God's grace is there to forgive us.

The provision of Grace is given, not so we can sin, but rather so we can progressively overcome our sinful nature through a true communion with Jesus Christ; and thereby as we confess our sins and turn away, He is faithful and just, to forgive us.

As we turn away from evil, and abide in His Grace, and further, as we receive God's Word and His Spirit within us, and obey God's commandments, then we will know God's Love and His Love will be in us, and we will Abide in His Love.

God's Holy Spirit, His Words of Truth and Love are never given to encourage evil nor to permit us the carnal freedom to commit sin; But instead God's Spirit and Truth are given to convict us of sin and of the judgment to come, in order to set us free from sin, so we will truly be at liberty in the Spirit, and grow in His Love. (Psalm 119:44,45) Any individual is in error who assumes that they can be lukewarm, hypocritical and continue willfully in any particular sin, and still be forgiven, without turning away from doing that evil.

God's Word is quite specific, unless they eventually repent, they will not be forgiven, neither are they walking in Love. If we desire to demonstrate God's Love, we must not purpose to deliberately sin nor to continue in any evil way.

It's impossible for us to Love someone fully in a specific Way that the Lord desires, at any time in which we are doing evil or have evil in our hearts, so we must put away evil and purify our hearts before God so we can truly Love others.

Let us first always examine ourself within and not harden our heart against the voice of God, who will reveal our sin, so that we can lay it aside, and walk in the light of Love.

Love calls for a repentance that fully transforms a person's inner nature from their carnal ways of death into the new nature of Christ.

As we continue to humble ourselves in prayerful communion with God, by loving God our Father and Jesus Christ, and confessing our sins to God and turning from any evil, we will abide in His Grace. As we obey His Truth, and Love God and one another as Jesus loved us, then the Father will transform us, and His Love will be further developed in us, by the Holy Spirit.

Love, also does not perpetually accept evil to continue within the lives of others in the Body of Christ.

Love instructs, corrects, reproves, rebukes, and warns others according to the truth but only by the Spirit in a Christlike manner with patience.

The Truth of God's Love and the Wisdom to hate all evil, should be proclaimed not with the intent of judgment or condemnation, but should be preached in hope of edification and salvation to the hearers; For Christ came not to judge, but to save, so we should share also the Good News of God's Salvation in Jesus Christ, and make disciples for Christ; Let the judgment of Christ come in it's proper time.

Our obligation to God is not to eliminate evil from the whole world now nor to destroy evil persons; All evil persons will destroy and condemn themselves by remaining in their sin, if they reject Jesus Christ, and choose not to repent nor to believe in His atoning Grace.

Our commission now in Christ is to declare the Gospel of Love, Repentance and Salvation through Grace, so those who would believe would turn from sin and destruction and would obtain eternal Life. All those who choose not to believe because they love their evil ways, have the vengeance and wrath of God upon them, because God is not only a Loving God, but He is a Just God. (JOHN 3:36) Again if we want to earnestly Love others and most of all to Love God with all of our heart, mind, and strength

as He commanded, then we must not allow sin like leaven to grow within us or our brethren.

Rather we must persevere to lay aside all evil as God enables us; And then after we have taken the log of pride and sin from our own eye, then we can see more clearly to encourage & to instruct others in the church and beyond to do the same.

However when we bring correction, we must be kind and patient and further we should have understanding towards those who are growing in Christ, who sincerely want to overcome their sinful actions yet struggle, because of the lack of Godly knowledge and Spirit as they learn God's Way.

Our correction to these individuals should not be harsh but rather we should supplement their faith with the Word of Truth and Wisdom which they lack and always, we should do so in Love. For Love edifies the body of Christ.

While we who are more seasoned in Christ must forbear with patience the lack of Wisdom, immaturity & faults of the younger disciples of Christ, in Love, as Christ works out their imperfections, by the purging of His Word in their life & through Grace; Still, as we are patient in Love towards the immature, we need not compromise our standing of the Truth; We should, in so much, maintain the perfect example to others, the pattern of Christ which was revealed to us, pointing the Way to Life away from all sin & shame.

All of us need correction and God chastens whom He Loves. Let us cheerfully receive correction.

If we are to Love, by the Spirit, we too should bring correction and reproof to our children and to the Body of Christ as needed to bring unity and holiness. Yet strong rebuke is usually only for the one who is deliberately rebellious in continuing in sin, who is among us in the church; And gentle correction and instruction is usually for babes in

Christ; However let the Spirit of God bring the necessary correction as God wills. Love is intended to be pure & Holy, without hypocrisy.

Any deed which we hope to do in Love must at that time be without evil and sinless or else it cannot be true Love. As we die to our selfish life and turn away from sin then the fullness of Christ and the Father's Love can coincidentally grow up, unhindered within us, as we partake of His Word & of His Grace.

Love is what signifies a true follower of Christ; God's Love will be established within us, if we humble our self, and receive God's truth and Spirit within our heart and walk by Faith in obedience.

Moreover, if we constantly repent from evil and deny ourself and abide in Grace, then through us, true Godly Love and spiritual fruit will come forth, by God's work in us & through us, to one another and most of all, unto God.

Every evil way and sin, which is made known to us by God's spiritual Law, by God's Word, and by God's Holy Spirit, is not Love. It is essential for each of us to understand not only What is Love, but also What is NOT Love, in other words to know what is sin in our life, so we can turn away from any sin that separates us from God, and thereby most important to realize that we need to come to Jesus Christ to receive Grace, Life, and to abide in God's Love.

There are also many irrelevant things that have no spiritual importance for instruction here, that we do every day which are also not God's Love nor are those actions actual sin; For instance, to physically wash our hands is neither Love nor is it sin; This topical Bible study intends only to address those actions and thoughts with spiritual significance, which are Not Love, that pertain to sin and iniquity; Moreover to reveal the specific transgressions in our life that we need to repent from, in order to bring us to Christ and to be able to continually, grow in the Love of God, unhindered.

The word from God is quite specific in instructing what is not Love in order to give us spiritual guidance away from spiritual death, which is caused by the sin that we may be presently involved in.

Within God's word, general terms or words are sometimes used to instruct, What is sin, or What is Not Love, and therefore we should understand that when God's Word commands us not to be involved in (e.g. sexual immorality,) these general terminology words are intended to cover every sinful action that pertains to sexual immorality all inclusive, and even though certain sexual sins may not be listed out specifically in the Bible, still it is God's will for us to turn away from any known evil way that pertains to sexual immorality, as the Holy Spirit will reveal to each one us.

The following sections in this study which list, in part, some of the sins which God desires us to repent from doing, are done so for example only to know What is NOT Love, and to know some of what the Holy Spirit is convicting our hearts to repent of; We should be more receptive to the Holy Spirit's guidance along with the word of God, so that we will grow in True Love and not in the lusts of the flesh which are often mistaken for real Love.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and His Apostles, and the prophets of Old, all taught under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, teaching and declaring the difference between What is Love and What is not Love, along with everything else.

It's essential that all Christians continue in God's word, so we would know the truth and the truth would set us free from sin, through the Grace and forgiveness of Jesus Christ, as we repent.

The Holy Spirit is now today, convicting our hearts of what is sin and Not Love, so that we would not come into judgment, but become Holy even as God is Holy, through Jesus Christ, as we continue to repent. We are being reconciled back to God, through God's work of sanctification, regeneration.

In the world there are also many gestures done, that appear good and falsely assumed as love, but in reality are sometimes limited, shallow, carnal, without sincerity of heart of desiring to do the will of God, these are Not God's Love.

1 Corinthians 13:2-3 (AKJV): 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profits me nothing.

BIBLICAL WORDS THAT DENOTES SIN FALLING SHORT

(hamartia, hamartema, anamartetos Adj., hamartano Verb,)

This group of Greek words are used most often in the New Testament to convey the word sin, they occur over 250 times. These words literally means to “fall short” of the glory of God; or to “miss the mark.”

Iniinity (anomia) Means “lawlessness”, wickedness, unrighteousness
Unrighteousness (adikia) This Greek word denotes ‘injustice’, or ‘dishonesty’ or ‘unrighteousness’, the state or act of not being right, either with God or with man, according to God’s standard of Holiness, Truth, and Righteousness outlined in the scriptures.

(adikema) indicates a misdeed, a wrong, or an injury

(poneria) indicates bad, wickedness, worthless

Transgressions (Nouns -paranomia, parabasis) Means to cross the line which God has drawn by His commandments; it is a specific disobedience of a command.

(Verbs - parabaino, huperbaino, parerchomai) To go beyond, to do what God has told us not to do; to pass over, overstepping the limits made by God **What is Not Love ?**

If we do not follow the example of Christ, then this is Not Love

- **1 Corinthians 11:1** (AKJV): 1 Be you followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- This verse encourages believers to follow the example of the apostle Paul as he follows the example of Christ. It highlights the concept of imitating Christ's behavior and character.

If we are unkind or unforgiving, then this is Not Love

- **Colossians 3:12-13** (AKJV): 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do you.
- **Matthew 6:14-15** (AKJV): 14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:15 But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

If anyone is PRIDEFUL OR ARROGANT, then this is Not Love...

- **1 Corinthians 13:4** (AKJV): 4 Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up,
- **Proverbs 8:13** (AKJV): 13 The fear of the Lord is to hate evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the fraudulent mouth, do I hate.
- **PROVERBS 21:4, PROVERBS 13:10, OBADIAH 1:3**

If anyone is LUKEWARM OR SLOTHFUL in doing the will of God, then this is NOT LOVE...

- **Revelation 3:15 to 19** AKJV 15 I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. 16 So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. 17 Because you say, I am rich, and

increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and know not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white raiment, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness do not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

- Proverbs 20:4, 20:13, 19:15

If anyone is HYPOCRITICAL, by saying that he loves God, yet continues in any evil without repenting, then this is NOT LOVE...

- **Matthew 15:7-9 AKJV** 7 You hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draws near to me with their mouth, and honors me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.
- **“LET LOVE BE WITHOUT HYPOCRISY,”**Romans 12:9, Matthew 23:13,14; Matthew 23:23-31, Job 8:13,14, 20:4-11, 27:8, 36:13,14; Psalm 50:16-23, Titus 1:16, Luke 6:42

If anyone HATES someone or has UNFORGIVENESS or TAKES REVENGE, this is NOT LOVE. Love Does Not Hate;

- **1 John 2:9-11 AKJV** 9 He that said he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness even until now. 10 He that loves his brother stays in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hates his brother is in darkness, and walks in darkness, and knows not where he goes, because that darkness has blinded his eyes.
- **1 John 4:20 (AKJV):** 20 If a man say, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar: for he that loves not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not

If anyone is UNMERCIFUL, and doesn't love their enemies, then this is Not Love

- **Luke 6:35-36 (AKJV):** 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and you shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind to the unthankful and to the evil. 36 Be therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

LOVE is not MALICIOUS, Nor a DEPRAVED MIND, or DISOBEDIENT...

- **Romans 1:28 to 32 AKJV:** 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

If anyone SERVES MONEY rather than God, then this is Not Love

- **Matthew 6:24 AKJV** 24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

If Anyone ENVYS and COVETS anything or If is a lover of pleasures and self seeking for worldly prosperity; This is NOT Love ...

Love Does Not Envy ...Does Not seek it's own...

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-5 AKJV** 4 Charity suffers long, and is kind; charity envies not; charity brags not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Does not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil;
- **James 3:14-16 AKJV** 14 But if you have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

LOVE does not COVET nor have evil desire...

- **Colossians 3:5 AKJV** 5 Mortify therefore your members which are on the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

LOVE is not ANXIOUS for anything...

- **Matthew 6:25 AKJV** 25 Therefore I say to you, Take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

LOVE does not DESIRE to be earthly rich...

- **1 Timothy 6:6-10 AKJV** 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content. 9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some

coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

LOVE does not LUST for self pleasures...

If anyone behaves lustfully in any way or is involved in sexual immorality of any form, then this is Not Love...

Because sexual immorality hinders any person from receiving the true moral virtues and good blessings from God and keeps that person from being unable to Love fully as God intended and Commanded.

Any believer of Jesus Christ, who finds themselves lustfully sinning, needs to pray, ask God for forgiveness, and ask God for the Wisdom of God, and power of Holy Spirit to turn away from this type of sin, only then can God continue to perfect His Love within and through that believer. (However a proper sexual relationship within the holy marriage of a man and woman is right before God.) **To LUST is NOT LOVE...**

1 Peter 2:11, 1 Peter 1:14, Romans 6:12, 13:14, Galatians 5:16, 17:24, Colossians 3:5, Titus 3:3, Ephesians 4:22, 2 Timothy 2:22, Titus 2:12, 2 Peter 2:10, 1 John 2:16, Jude 16,18, Proverbs 6:25

If anyone is a friend to WORLDLINESS, then this is NOT LOVE...HE IS A ENEMY OF GOD...

- **James 4:1-4 AKJV** 1 From where come wars and fights among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 You lust, and have not: you kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: you fight and war, yet you have not, because you ask not. 3 You ask, and receive not, because you ask amiss, that you may consume it on your lusts. 4 You adulterers and adulteresses, know you not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world is hatred towards God, and is Not Love

- **James 5:1-5 AKJV** 1 Go to now, you rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come on you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver is corroded; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. You have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, cries: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 You have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; you have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

If anyone is SEXUALLY IMMORAL This is NOT LOVE

- **Galatians 5:19-21 AKJV** 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Contentions, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- **Other Key Scriptures;** Matthew 15:15:19, Mark 7:21, Colossians 3:5, Ephesians 5:3, Revelation 22:15, Romans 1:29, 1 Corinthians 5:1,9,11, 1 Corinthians 6:13, 2 Corinthians 12:21, 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Proverbs 2:16, 7:5

If anyone commits ADULTERY with someone , this is NOT LOVE... To DIVORCE and REMARRY (Other than what God permits in His Word) is not GOD'S PERFECT LOVE...

- Matthew 19:8,9, Mark 10:11,12, Luke 16:18, Proverbs 2:17

- **Mark 10:11-12 AKJV** And he said to them, Whoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, commits adultery against her. 12 And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she commits adultery.

Other Key Scriptures; Matthew 15:19, Matthew 19:9,18, Mark 7:21, Luke 16:18, 18:20, Romans 2:22, 7:3, 13:9, 2 Peter 2:14, Revelation 2:22, 17:2, 18:3,9, Proverbs 6:32, 6:26

How do we OVERCOME SEXUAL IMMORALITY , so that we can truly Love God and others ?

Walk by the Spirit ; Pray & Ask the Holy Spirit of God , to enable you, then turn from the sin, and Walk by the Spirit in God's Love. The evidence to God that we truly Love Him is when we choose not to continue in a sexual sin, a follow Him.

- **Galatians 5:16 to 18 AKJV** 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. 18 But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.

If anyone deliberately keeps on sinning after they have received the knowledge of the truth, then this is NOT LOVE.

- **Hebrews 10:26 to 29 AKJV** 26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorcer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God, and has counted the blood

of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and has done despite to the Spirit of grace?

If anyone who is a professed Christian knowingly and deliberately rejects the revealed truth, and falls away, then this is NOT LOVE ...

- **Hebrews 6:4 to 6 AKJV** 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3, Revelation 3:14-16, Isaiah 14:13,14; 2 Peter 2:15-21, John 15:22, Acts 21:21; 1 Timothy 4:1, Hebrews 3:12, Ezekiel 28:15, Jude 1:6, 1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Corinthians 11:32, 1 John 5:16

If anyone STEALS or if anyone bears FALSE WITNESS, then this is not LOVE ...

Matthew 19:16 to 19 AKJV 16 And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said to him, Why call you me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He said to him, Which? Jesus said, You shall do no murder, You shall not commit adultery, **You shall not steal**, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

When anyone speaks EVIL WORDS OR HAS CORRUPT COMMUNICATION, this is NOT LOVE ... (SEE Ephesians 4:29)
Proverbs 18:21 “ The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who Love it will eat its fruit.

- **Evil speaking** - James 4:11, 1 Peter 2:1, Titus 3:2, 2 Peter 2:12, Proverbs 15:28, Luke 6:45
- **Witness against your neighbor without cause** - Proverbs 24:28
- **Enticing speech** - Proverbs 7:21
- **Arguments over words** - 1 Timothy 6:4
- **Contentions** - Titus 3:9, 2 Corinthians 12:20, Proverbs 13:10, Proverbs 18:19
- **Foolish talking, foolish disputes, foolish jesting** - Ephesians 5:4, Titus 3:9, 2 Timothy 2:23, 1 Timothy 6:4, 1:4, Proverbs 14:3, 15:2, 10:14, 18:6
- **Outbursts of wrath** - 2 Corinthians 12:20, Galatians 5:20, Ephesians 4:31, Proverbs 9:13 (Clamor)
- **Loud voice** (Clamor) - Proverbs 27:14, Proverbs 7:11
- **Rage /Anger** - Colossians 3:8
- **Disputes** - 1 Timothy 6:5, Philippians 2:14, Luke 22:24, Acts 23:7, Acts 25:19
- **Lies, untruth, perjurors, falsehood** - 1 John 1:6, 1 Timothy 1:10, Colossians 3:8,9, James 3:14-16, 2 Corinthians 13:8, Ephesians 4:25, Psalm 31:18,119:29,163; 120:2, Proverbs 6:17, 12:19, 12:22, 19:5,9, 26:28, 30:8, Jeremiah 7:4, Romans 1:25, Titus 1:2, 1 John 2:21, Proverbs 6:19
- **General Speech that is not Love**- Matthew 12:36,37, Proverbs 15:4, 10:30-32, Proverbs 8:7,8, 10:11, 12:6, Proverbs 4:24,6:12-14

WHAT should we NOT Love ?

1 John 2:15 (AKJV): 15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Revelation 12:11 (AKJV): 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives to the death.

John 12:25 (AKJV): 25 He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it to life eternal.

WHAT SHOULD WE NOT DO; What is Not Love ?

What sins does the Word of God instruct us not to continue to do, with the help of the Holy Spirit working in our lives to overcome ? What should we Not do, so we can Love God, and one another as God commanded us ?

In order for us to further understand , what is hindering our Love for one another, it is important for us to perceive what is not Love, and then repent from each evil way that the Holy Spirit reveals and convicts your heart of.

Here is a comprehensive list of sinful actions which are not Love..... If anyone desires to Love God and to Love one another they must repent from any of the following actions or evil thoughts....Remember God is able to forgive you and will fill you with His Love as you sincerely repent.. ..Further His Love is for you, yet while you are imperfect.

When studying from this list, it is essential to view these words and in the actual content in which they are given in particular verses. *Use a Bible concordance to locate as many verses as you can that contain each of these words, and then meditate on, What is the spiritual message of what is not Love, that is being taught in that particular verse. Pray, Ask God for the Holy Spirit and ask for His Wisdom regarding the correct interpretation of His Word.**

Find out - What is God instructing you too do regarding a particular sin, God will show you specifically what to do, if you desire to truly Love God, and one another.

NOTE: While this list is somewhat is compiled as a somewhat comprehensive Biblical reference tool, and in no way is meant to be all inclusive.

This is meant as a Bible Study tool to further aid, equip, and encourage Christians to research on their own, What does God's Word say about these

evils, and What does the Bible say that, Jesus Christ wants us to do regarding these sins. Some english WORDS of evil ways, and sins listed below, are found in most Bible translations, while other english evil words, deeds, are not necessarily found exactly in Biblical text, but are implied in general terms that are found in Scripture.

If any sincere follower of Jesus Christ, truly hears, learns, believes, and follows, the Word of God, the Holy Spirit will completely and personally, reveal How all and every evil way, and sin, are hindering His Love, in our lives.

God's Word declares, To Love God, with ALL of our Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength, and to Love one another, as we would ourselves.

When God commands us to Love with ALL of our Heart, Mind, Soul, Strength this means that we are Not to give PART of our Heart, Mind, Soul, or Strength, by being lukewarm or by purposing doing any evil.

The Holy Spirit has come to convict our hearts and minds and actions away from all of the following evil ways, which are contrary to Love, without condemnation;... So that we may be cleansed from all unrighteousness through the Grace of Jesus Christ, and be filled with His Love and bear much good fruit. Let us therefore, repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

LIST OF VARIOUS SINS, which are NOT Love, and anyone is not fully loving when continuing in various sin.

As we learn in God's Word, just what are the various sins in our life that God wants us to turn away from, we should not feel condemned or overwhelmed, but rather allow God's Holy Spirit to convict our hearts each day and to give us the ability to overcome those sins and receive all the eternal blessings of His Love instead...

NOTE - This Biblical Reference list of various sins is not intended to be all inclusive; Nor a substitute for the leading of the Holy Spirit. As a person continues in God's Word, and follows Jesus Christ, God will reveal any sin

within a person's own life by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will actually reveal MORE than the biblical examples below, about What is NOT Love, and particularly, What is LOVE.

God's Holy Spirit does the work of revealing sin in our life, convicting our hearts, and helping us to overcome.

NOTE- It's really not necessary too make a list like this, if a believer is sincerely following Jesus Christ, continuing in God's word and obedient to the Holy Spirit's direction and conviction of sin within each one of our lives. However many times Christians, have not taken the time to continue in God's Word as Jesus Christ instructed so that they can learn, What God's Love is and is NOT Love; And further still they harden their hearts against the direction of Holy Spirit, and regretfully drift away from the Faith; All scripture is given for correction, edification, and reproof...

It is for those reasons and concern, the word of God is listed here just to help encourage and reveal to us **the need to return to our first Love in Jesus Christ, and turn from any sin, which is NOT LOVE**, as the Holy Spirit helps us, and with the Grace of Christ.

Let each of us examine our hearts and minds daily before God and as the Holy Spirit shows us of anything that is NOT of God, which is evil / sin that is in us. Let us deny our self , and take up our cross in Jesus Christ, and die to our self life. No evil can keep a Christian, who follows Jesus Christ, in bondage to any sin, because Jesus Christ has the victory over sin and death, it is finished. All Glory to Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:38-39 (AKJV): 38 And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it.

Hebrews 12:1-2 AKJV 1 Why seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who

for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus Christ sets at the right hand of the throne of God the Father, and Jesus Christ is our High Priest (Hebrews 7:11-28) who intercedes continually before the Father for the sins that we had committed and still commit, He is our Mediator and it's by His atoning Grace alone that we are saved; Does that mean that we should sin all the more that His Grace would abound? As the Apostle Paul wrote in (Romans 6:1), Absolutely not, that would be abusing the Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness of Jesus Christ; Therefore as God reveals any of these sins in our lives, we should still, repent. And put aside every sin and evil way that entangles us and keeps us from fully Loving God and Loving one another in the ways that we should and as He desires. Let's not trample on and abuse the Grace of Jesus Christ rather respond to Holy Spirit who is convicting our of sin. God's Holy Spirit will guide us into all truth, and enable us to overcome various sins that hinders us to Love God and to Love one another as He commands.

What God's Word teaches us Not to Do, LIST OF SIN/ NOT LOVE

Abusive - 2 Timothy 3:2

Accusing false - Jude 9; 2 Peter 2:11

Anger - Ephesians 4:31, Galatians 5:19

Apostasy - Hebrews 6:4-6, 2 Peter 2:20

Adultery - 1 Corinthians 6:9

Arrogant - 2 Timothy 3:2, James 3:14

Ashamed of Jesus Christ and His Words - Mark 8:38

Ashamed, Hiding your light of Jesus Christ - Matthew 5:14-16, Luke 9:26

Astrology - Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:2,3; Isaiah 47:13, 2 Kings 17:16

Backbiting - 2 Corinthians 12:20, Romans 1:30, Proverbs 25:23

Being Lazy - 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12; Proverbs 6:6-8; Ephesians 5:16; Hebrews 6:12; Matthew 20:3,6

Bitterness - Ephesians 4:31, Ephesians 4:31, Hebrews 12:15, Romans 3:14, James 3:10, Acts 8:23,

Backsliding - Proverbs 14:14

Babbling - Acts 17:18

Balance, false - Proverbs 11:1

Blasphemy - Acts 12:20-23, 2 Peter 2:2, 2 Timothy 3:2, Colossians 3:8, Matthew 15:19, Revelation 13:6, Revelation 16:13

Boastful - 2 Timothy 3:2, James 4:16, Romans 1:30

Boast (Prideful speech) -Proverbs 27:1-2,25:14,21:24, 13:10,14:3, 2 Peter 2:18,

Boisterous - Proverbs 7:11

Bribe - Deuteronomy 10:17

Broad is the way - Matthew 7:13

Brutal - 2 Timothy 3:3

Carousing - Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19

Causing division - 2 Samuel 15:4

Cause to stumble - Jeremiah 18:15, Mark 9:42, Matthew 18:6

Charm - Proverbs 31:30, Proverbs 5:3

Clamor - Ephesians 4:31

Coarse jesting - Ephesians 5:4

Corrupt communications - Ephesians 4:29

Complain against one another - James 5:9

Complaining about want you don't have - Numbers 11:4-6, Numbers 21:5

Compromise - Judges 2:1-3

Conceited - 2 Timothy 3:4, Galatians 5:26

Conformed to this world - Romans 12:2

Condemning the righteous - Proverbs 17:15

Contention - Proverbs 21:9

Contradictions - 1 Timothy 6:20,

Covetousness - 1 Corinthians 6:9

Cruel - Proverbs 11:17

Cursing - Romans 3:14, James 3:10

Debauchery - Galatians 5:19

Deceit, Lusts of - Ephesians 4:22, Romans 1:29, Proverbs 12:20

Deceit - Romans 1:29, Titus 1:10,11, Proverbs 4:24, Romans 3:13

Deceptive philosophy, human tradition, elemental spiritual forces - Colossians 2:8

Deceptive words by covetousness - 2 Peter 2:3

Denying Jesus Christ - Matthew 26:69-75, Jude 4, Titus 1:16, 2 Timothy 3:5, 2 Peter 2:1, 1 John 2:23

Despise the Word of God - Proverbs 13:13

Despise your neighbor - Proverbs 14:21

Devise evil - Proverbs 6:14

Disputes - Galatians 5:19

Disobedience - Genesis 3:6, Hebrews 4:6, Romans 10:21

Disobeying parents - Romans 1:30, 2 Timothy 3:2, Romans 1:30, 2 Timothy 3:2

Dissensions - Galatians 5:19

Distorting Scriptures / Word of God - 2 Peter 3:16, 2 Corinthians 4:2

Divination - Deuteronomy 18:9-13, 1 Corinthians 10:20

Divorce, wrongful - Matthew 5:32, Luke 16:16

Doubting - Romans 14:23

Double minded - Psalm 119:113, James 1:8

Double Tongued - 1 Timothy 3:8

Drift away from Christ - Hebrews 2:1

Drunkenness - Ephesians 5:18, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19, Proverbs 20:1, 1 Corinthians 6:9, 1 Timothy 3:3

Eating blood - 1 Samuel 14:33

Empty conceit - Philippians 2:3

Envy - Titus 3:3, 1 Peter 2:1, Romans 1:29, Galatians 5:19,26

Enticing words of man's wisdom -1 Corinthians 2:4, Colossians 2:4

Exalt himself - Daniel 11:36,37, 2 Thessalonians 2:4

Evil thoughts - Matthew 15:19, Mark 7:21

Factions - Galatians 5:19

Doing anything without Faith- Romans 14:23

Fasting, false - Matthew 6:16

False Testimony - Matthew 15:19, 19:18, Mark 10:19, Luke 18:20

Feet that run rapidly to evil - Proverbs 6:18

Filthy Language Colossians 3:8

Fits of rage - Galatians 5:19

Flatter- Proverbs 20:19, 6:24,7:5,7:21,26:28, 29:5,28:23, Jude 16, 1 Thessalonians 2:5, Proverbs 2:16

Foolishness - Proverbs 14:1, 14:8

Fornication - 1 Corinthians 6:9

Friendship with the world - James 4:4

Futility of their mind - Ephesians 4:17

False gods, worshipping - Exodus 20:3

Fraud - James 5:4, 1 Thessalonians 4:6

Gain control over gullible women - 2 Timothy 3:6

Gossips, malicious - 2 Timothy 3:3, Romans 1:29

Gossip - Leviticus 19:16, Proverbs 11:13, Proverbs 20:19, Ezekiel 22:9

(busybody, meddler) Proverbs 26:22, 1 Peter 4:15, 1 Timothy 5:13, Proverbs 25:9, Proverbs 16:27,

Great swelling words of emptiness - 2 Peter 2:18

Greed - Ephesians 5:3, Romans 1:29, 1 Corinthians 6:10, Matthew 23:25

Guile - 1 Peter 2:1

Grumble, complain - 1 Peter 4:9, Jude 16, Numbers 11:1

(unthankfulness, not content) - 1 Corinthians 10:10, John 6:41, James 5:9

Guile (crafty, deceitful talk, enticing words, to trick) 1 Peter 2:1,22; 3:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:3, Revelation 14:5

Harden your heart - Hebrews 3:8,15

Harlot - 1 Corinthians 6:15

Harsh words - Proverbs 15:1

Hateful - 1 John 2:9, Titus 3:3

Hate reproof - Proverbs 15:10

Hater of God - Romans 1:30

Hater of good - 2 Timothy 3:3

Hater of your brother - 1 John 2:11, 4:20

Haughty eyes - Proverbs 6:17

Having a form a godliness, but denying it's power - 2 Timothy 3:5

Hearer of God's Word but not a doer - James 1:22

Heresy - GAL 5:20, 2 Peter 2:1

Hindering those coming to Jesus to be saved - Luke 11:52

Homosexuality - Romans 1:27, 1 Corinthians 6:9

Hypocrisy - 1 Peter 2:1, Romans 12:9, 1 Timothy 4:2

Idle talkers - Titus 1:10, 1 Timothy 5:13, 1 Timothy 1:6

Idle words - Matthew 12:36

Idle chatter - Proverbs 14:23

Idolatry - Galatians 5:19

Idolater - Ephesians 5:5, 1 Corinthians 6:9, Galatians 5:19

Ignoring the needs of the poor, hungry, naked, sick, those in prison - Matthew 25:36

Immorality - Ephesians 5:3, Galatians 5:19

Impurity - Ephesians 5:3, Galatians 5:19

Incest - Genesis 19:33-38

Insolent - Romans 1:30

Inventor of evil - Romans 1:30

Jealousy - James 3:14, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19

Judging others - Luke 6:37

Justify the wicked - Proverbs 17:15

Kisses of the enemy - Proverbs 27:6

Lasciviousness - Mark 7:22; 2 Corinthians 12:21; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:19; 1 Peter 4:3; Jude 4

Lawlessness - 1 John 3:4, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

Laying aside the Commands of God - Mark 7:8,9

Lesbianism - Romans 1:26

Lies, Lying - John 8:44, Revelation 21:8, Acts 5:3-5

Lie to the Holy Spirit - Acts 5:3

Lie, whoever says that they know Jesus, but do not do what He commands - 1 John 2:4

Live for ourselves - 2 Corinthians 5:15

Look to lust - Matthew 5:28

Loose living - Luke 15:13,18

Lover of money - 1 Timothy 3:3, 2 Timothy 3:2

Lover of pleasure - 2 Timothy 3:4

Lover of self - 2 Timothy 3:1

Lover of the world - 1 John 2:15,17, James 1:27

Lukewarm for following Jesus - Revelation 3:15,16

Lusts, various - James 4:2, Titus 3:3, 1 Peter 4:2

Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes, Pride of life - 1 John 2:16

Lustful passion - 1 Thessalonians 4:5

Lying tongue - Proverbs 6:17,19; Proverbs 12:19

Malice - Titus 3:3, Romans 1:29, Colossians 3:8, Ephesians 4:31, 1 Peter 2:1

Marries a divorced woman - Luke 16:16

Masquerading as servants of righteousness, false apostles, false workers - 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Mocking - Proverbs 14:9, Luke 22:63, 18:32, Mark 15:20, Matthew 27:29,31, Hebrews 11:36

Mocks the poor - Proverbs 17:5

Murder - Luke 18:20, Romans 1:29,

Murmuring - Numbers 14:29, Jude 16, Philippines 2:14, 1 Corinthians 10:10

Not abstaining from all appearance of evil - 1 Thessalonians 5:22

Not acknowledging your iniquity - Jeremiah 3:13

Not bearing good (spiritual) fruit - Matthew 3:10

Not forgiving others - Matthew 6:14,15; Mark 11:25,26; Luke 17:4

Not believing in the Name of Jesus Christ - 1 John 3:23

Not doing what you know is right - James 4:17

Not confess Jesus before men - Matthew 10:32,33

Not doing Jesus' word which you have heard - Matthew 7:24-25

Not doing the will of God - Matthew 7:21,

Not living by Faith - Hebrews 10:38

Obstinate (Stubborn) - Romans 10:21

Offering human sacrifices - 2 Kings 17:17

Orgies - Galatians 5:19

Outbursts of wrath - 2 Corinthians 12:20, Galatians 5:20, Ephesians 4:31, Proverbs 9:13 (Clamor)

Partiality - James 2:9

Practice lawlessness - Matthew 7:23

Passion carnal - Proverbs 14:30

Perverse in heart - Proverbs 11:20

Perverted mind - Proverbs 12:8

Perverted in language - Proverbs 17:20

Perverse speech - Proverbs 8:13, 4:24, 2:12, 17:20, 15:4, 19:1; 1 Timothy 6:5, Acts 20:30, Proverbs 10:32

Presumptuous speech - Proverbs 18:13, Proverbs 18:17

Pride - Proverbs 11:2; 16:18

Profane and vain babblings - 2 Timothy 2:16, 1 Timothy 6:20

Provoking one another - Galatians 5:26

Quarrel- 1 Timothy 3:3, 2 Timothy 2:24, 2 Corinthians 12:20, James 4:2, Ephesians 4:31

Rape - 2 Samuel 13:14

Rash - 2 Timothy 3:4

Rebellion - Numbers 16, PROV 7:11, Proverbs 17:11

Reckless - 2 Timothy 3:4

Repay evil for evil - 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Revilers - 2 Timothy 3:2, 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 6:10

Revenge - Romans 12:17,19

Rob in offerings - Malachi 3:8

Rude - 1 Corinthians 13:5

Sacrifice of the wicked - Proverbs 15:8, 21:27

Scoffer - Proverbs 24:9, Jude 1:18, Acts 13:41, 2 Peter 3:3, Proverbs 29:8, Proverbs 21:24

Scorn (Deride, Mock) - Galatians 4:14, Proverbs 2:34

Self willed - Ezekiel 28:17

Self righteousness - Proverbs 14:12; 16:25

Self indulgence - Matthew 23:25

Selfishness - Philippians 2:3

Selfish ambition - James 3:14,16; Romans 2:8, Galatians 5:19

Sensuality - 1 Peter 4:3, 2 Peter 2:18, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19

Sexual immorality - 1 Thessalonians 4:3, Romans 13:13

Sex with a prostitute - 1 Corinthians 6:15-18

Shed innocent blood - Proverbs 6:17

Shrink back - Hebrews 10:38,39

Silly talk - Ephesians 5:4

Slander - Ephesians 4:31, 1 Peter 2:1, Romans 1:30, Colossians 3:8, 1 Timothy 3:11, Titus 3:2, 2 Peter 2:10, James 4:11, Slander - Jeremiah 9:4, Jeremiah 6:28, Proverbs 10:18, 101:5, Psalm 50:20, Exodus 23:1, Proverbs 6:19, 14:5, 19:5,9,28, Slander - 1 Timothy 5:14, 1 Peter 2:1, 3:16, Matthew 15:19,2 Corinthians 12:20, Ephesians 4:31,

Sluggard - Proverbs 13:4

Sorcery - Galatians 5:19

Sow discord - Proverbs 6:14,19

Speak against one another - James 4:11

Steal - LUKE 18:20, 1 Corinthians 6:10

Stiff-necked, Stubborn - Acts 7:51

Strife - Romans 1:29, Romans 13:13, Galatians 5:19, Proverbs 6:19, 2 Corinthians 12:20, Titus 3:9, 1 Timothy 6:4, Proverbs 17:19

Stumbling block - Luke 17:2, Matthew 18:6

Swearing, making oaths - Ezekiel 8:17

Swear - James 5:12, Matthew 5:34,36

Swindler - 1 Corinthians 5:11, 1 Corinthians 6:10

Take up a reproach against a friend - Psalm 15:4

Taking away the key of knowledge of God's Word - Luke 11:52

Taking away the words of this Prophecy - Revelation 22:19

Teaching false doctrine - Matthew 16:6

Thievery - 1 Corinthians 6:10

Tongue, not bridle your - James 1:26

Tongue, evil speech - James 2:5,6

Trusting in riches - Psalm 49:6

Turn one's ear from listening to the truth - Proverbs 28:9

Treacherous - 2 Timothy 3:4

Twist Scripture - 2 Peter 3:16

Uncharitable - 1 John 3:17

Unfaithful servant - Matthew 25:15

Unforgiving - Matthew 6:15; 18:35

Unfruitful works of darkness - Ephesians 5:11

Ungrateful - 2 Timothy 3:2

Unholy - 2 Timothy 3:2

Unloving - 2 Timothy 3:3, Romans 1:30

Unmerciful - Romans 1:30, Matthew 18:23-35

Unpardonable sin- Blasphemy against the Spirit Matthew 12:31

Unthankfulness - Romans 1:21

Untrustworthy - Romans 1:30

Violence - Proverbs 16:29, Proverbs 4:17, 1 Timothy 3:3

Vanity - Ecclesiastes 1, Job 35:13, Psalm 10:7
Vain imaginations - Romans 1:21

Vows, false - Matthew 5:33

Your yes not being yes, or your no not being no - Matthew 5:37

Without self control - 2 Timothy 3:3

Wickedness - Proverbs 13:6

Wisdom, earthly wisdom- James 3:15

Whisperings - 2 Corinthians 12:20, Romans 1:29, Proverbs 16:28

Witchcraft, practicing - 1 Samuel 28:7-18, Galatians 5:19

Witness, bear false - Luke 18:20, Proverbs 6:19, Proverbs 12:17

Worship creation - Romans 1:25

While first understanding that we are saved by having faith in Jesus Christ, and saved by His Grace; Must a sincere Love be evident in and through our lives for God and for one another in order for us to receive Eternal Life?

YES.....A sincere Love must be evident in and through our lives for God and for one another in order for us to receive eternal life because Love indicates that we have maintained a sincere faith in Jesus Christ, through His Grace, and by receiving and following His Word; Although, our deeds of Love for God and for one another is not that act which saves us but rather we are saved by His Grace, by the one sacrifice which Jesus Christ alone has done. Most of all, we are saved by God's Love for us, while we were yet sinners. Therefore, we are saved by having faith in God and His Grace.

The work which saves us is done by the Holy Spirit therefore all glory goes to God, we cannot save ourselves apart from God; However God has commanded us to follow certain truths of Jesus Christ while we are being sanctified by His Grace and by His Word; These truths and sayings which Jesus Christ has commanded us to do can be summed up in this, that we should Love one another as Jesus Christ has Loved us. If we continue to be lukewarm or hypocritical, and not sincerely Love one another, Jesus Christ will spew us out of His mouth, and we will not receive eternal life.

If we continue to be unrepentive, to sin willing after receiving the truth, and become lovers of pleasure rather than Lovers of God, and if we reject the truth, to Love one another, and if we harden our hearts continually against God voice instructing us to Love, then we will not receive eternal life.

1 John 3:14-15 (AKJV): 14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brothers. He that loves not his brother stays in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life staying in him.

1 John 5:2 (AKJV): 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

Matthew 19:16 to 21 AKJV 16 And, behold, one came and said to him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said to him, Why call you me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if you will enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He said to him, Which? Jesus said, You shall do no murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and your mother: and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 20 The young man said to him, All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? 21 Jesus said to him, If you will be perfect, go and sell that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

Matthew 25:41 to 46 AKJV 41 Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

1 Peter 1:22 (AKJV): 22 Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit to unfeigned love of the brothers, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently: **Matthew 24:12-13 (AKJV):** 12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.

2 John 1:9 (AKJV): 9 Whoever transgresses, and stays not in the doctrine of Christ, has not God. He that stays in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son.

What are the results if a non-christian or even a lukewarm or hypocritical christian does not have Love for one another ? Or what does this indicate ?

The truth is not in us 1 John 2:4

They don't know God 1 John 4:8

Fear remains 1 John 4:18

He is a liar 1 John 2:4, .1 John 4:20

He cannot Love God 1 John 4:20

God's Love does not abide in you 1 John 3:17

He is in darkness 1 John 2:11

He does not know where he is going 1 John 2:11

He is nothing 1 Corinthians 13:2

Nothing will profit him 1 Corinthians 13:3

He abides in death 1 John 3:14

He does not have God 2 John 9

1 Corinthians 16:22 (AKJV): 22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.(accursed) **John 14:24** (AKJV): 24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which you hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

WHAT things cannot separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord and in WHAT things are we yet more than conquerors through Him who Loved us ?

Romans 8:31 to 39 AKJV 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? It is Christ that died, yes rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Will we still encounter Temptations, Evil, Sin, even when we are growing in the Love God, and Living our life as a Christian ?

Will The Satanic Realm still attempt to use these things to separate us from the Love of God, even though these things have no power over us ?

Yes, we will constantly encounter all forms of temptations, evil, sin, persecutions, distress, tribulations, and problems; but we should have no fear, for as we trust God, and obey His Word. If any of us should fall into temptation, and sin, just Repent, we are under the Grace of Jesus Christ. Even If we fall, over and over again, regarding various sins, God's Mercy, Love, Faithfulness, is greater.

Come boldly to God, in Jesus Christ. Our Savior, High Priest, and our Mediator before God the Father; He forgives us of all our sins, past, present, and future, if we just abide in Him, and not reject His Love, Grace, and the work of the Holy Spirit in our life. God will deliver us unto eternal life and to abide in His Love forever;

And PRAY to God - “ Not to be lead into Temptation ...” “ Deliver us from Evil”

What can separate us from the Love of God ?

Only our own selves can separate us from the Love of God if anyone chooses to deny Jesus Christ, and reject the Truth, abuse the Grace of Jesus Christ, betray Christ and continue to practice sin willfully, without repenting and if we remain Lukewarm in our Faith or Hold unforgiveness in our hearts towards anyone or further still if any us do not care for or minister to those in need. Or if we choose to continually choose to follow after false teachers, false christians, or false gods or to give over to the anti-christ receiving his mark...and so forth, as God's Word declares.

2 Timothy 2:12 (AKJV): 12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: **Matthew 10:33 (AKJV):** 33 But whoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

Romans 1:18-38 AKJV 18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in

unrighteousness; 19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God has showed it to them. 20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: 21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. 24 Why God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. 26 For this cause God gave them up to vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

Hebrews 10:26 (AKJV): 26 For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins, **Hebrews 5:9 (AKJV):** 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey him; **Matthew 25:41 to**

46. AKJV 41 Then shall he say also to them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungered, and you gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you an hungered, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

John 3:19-21 (AKJV): 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. 21 But he that does truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are worked in God.

Matthew 7:21-24 AKJV 21 **Not every one that said to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven;** but he that does the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name? and in your name have cast out devils? and in your name done many wonderful works? 23 **And then will I profess to them, I never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity.** 24 **Therefore whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock:** 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell not: for it was founded on a rock. 26 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and does them not, shall be likened to a foolish man, which built his house on the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat on that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Therefore REPENT, God Loves us steadfastly, His steadfast kindness leads us back to repentance and He wants us to come before His throne in Jesus Christ with confidence, and receive His abundant Grace, Mercy and Forgiveness...and Love.

Final Exhortation and Prayer; It is my final exhortation and prayer that all of God's people and children around the world would come to know, experience and share God's love completely, without hindrance and even those whom He yet is calling to come to Him to be saved, May we all comprehend the fulness and essence of the Love that Jesus Christ has done and still is doing and giving today, that has always been clearly and profoundly demonstrated by Him, throughout time, by His words and His actions.

Here is a Word for you and me today and everyday, to examine ourselves, as the Apostle Paul instructed; So let us ask ourselves are our hearts true and following after the things of God and His Love or are we following after our own carnal ways?

Are we in the faith?; Is it genuine or is anything still in our hearts causing us not to purely Love or to fall away, and whether we realize it or not?

Is anything attempting to deceitfully cause any one of us to betray Jesus Christ and/ or to abuse His Grace? How? By any one of continuing do something that is evil, instead of repenting; Therefore Let us remain awake to the deception of the evil one, who is testing our hearts before God. Let us be teachable, seek, desire, learn, and pursue God's virtues and His Love to be established in us, by our correct response to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

Lord show us if there remains any wicked way in us that needs to bought to the cross, so that we can die to our own selfish desires and to any sin and evil earthly lustful pleasures that are contrary to you and your Love.

Are any of us, you or me, being lukewarm or hypocritical in any way, before you, God ? Let us not be self-deceived with our present condition;

Let us allow God our Father, Jesus Christ His Son, and Holy Spirit , to shape our spiritual lives into God's divine image by us also dying to our selfish evil desires, even though our position in Christ remains secure.

Let us ask ourselves are we lukewarm or hypocritical with a false assumption of some sort of holiness and goodness; Are we abusing God's Grace in any way, and possibly having a heart and life departing from God and His Way through our evil desires and pleasures, and the cares of this world. Are we doing anything that is contrary to God's Love ? Or Are we ignoring the cries and those in need, without giving and serving, and ministering to them with God's Love and talents that He freely gave to us ?

Please God show us , if there is any evil that we need to repent of today?

Create in us a clean heart o Lord and renew in us a right spirit ...

Let us repent therefore, for the Kingdom of God is at hand and Live only completely for Him and in Him. Let us always Return to our First Love in Jesus Christ.

Prayer

Father God, YaHWeH, we humbly come before you in prayer, through and in your Son's Name, Jesus Christ , Yeshua, and by your Holy Spirit and ask; it is our earnest hope, prayer and deepest desire for all us whom sincerely seek and desire to know your Love personally and wholeheartedly, would come to know you YaHWeH more and more each day, to know What is Love and What is Not Love, and would receive your Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding.

May each day as we hear your voice that we would not harden our hearts, but receive the insight of your will for us, which is to believe, to obey you YaHWeH and to Love others as Jesus Christ Loved us; Above all to Love you God, 'with all our heart, mind and strength' as one.

May we not be lead into temptation, but resist the devil to flee; And when and if we sin and do evil, that we Repent, change direction in our

minds and actions, taking every thought captive to the obedience of you Father and your Son, Jesus Christ. May we ask you, Father God in sincere prayer to deliver us from all evil.

We thank you God for the Love in Jesus Christ that you have graciously given us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Praise you God May we abide in your grace and mercy and your Son, Jesus Christ, and Return to our First Love, purposing not to continue to practice any sin deliberately, but rather to overcome evil with the strength of your Holy Spirit, and the atoning blood of the Lamb, Yeshua, Jesus Christ, by Faith.

May we be fully established in your Love O God , which is steadfast, enduring and may they be good examples to bring your Light, Love, truth and Good News of salvation to the people of every tribe, country. Your Love is always steadfast, victorious and never fails to accomplish what you will and in the way that you purpose best in your scope of everything considered, perfect time and purpose.

May each one of us, humble ourselves before you o God Almighty, and become and be a true Disciple of Jesus Christ, continuing in His Word, so that His Truth will set us free, and to fully established and grounded in your Love and goodness in every way as you intended.

With the utmost Thanksgiving to you O God; May we always abide in your Love and goodness always forever.

May we be always faithful to Love you O God and to share your Love to the people here where we are and to every part of the world, always with a pure motive, and in tangible significant ways, according to your will O God.

For your Glory O God. Forever

May the Lord Bless you and keep you within His Love and Truth in all spiritual Wisdom, so that all of you would bear much good spiritual fruit, and Abide in the Love of God the Father, (YaHWeH, Elohim, I AM,

Adonai, Jehovah), Jesus Christ (Yeshua Hamashiach) and the Holy Spirit, as one, Forever.

Alpha and Omega

The Beginning and The End