

Disciple Christian

Chapter 9

What Is Love and What Is Not Love

Contents

Intoduction	3
What is Love?	3
What and Who is Love ?.....	4
How we should Love one another?.....	4
List Of God's Kind of Love.....	7
How should we respond to God's Love & Commandments so that we can grow in His Love in the way that God intended and not do that which is not Love? ;.....	17
What God Does Not What Us To Do -	18
What is Not Love ?	18
Biblical Commentary: What God Does Not Want Us To Do According to the New Testament. 20	
100 Biblical Things That God Does Not Want Us To Do: - That Are Not Love	23
Repent, The Kingdom of God is at hand; We need to change our minds, turn from sin and bear forth true Love and of good fruit and works.....	32
Biblical Words That Denote Sin	36
What is Not Love ?	37
What should we not love ?.....	43
What should we not do, according to the Bible? ; What is Not Love ?.....	44
Various Sins according to the Bible, which are not Love, and anyone is not fully loving when deliberately continuing in various sin without repenting.....	45
Biblical List of What God's Word teaches us not to do that is not Love.....	46
Is Love Is Essential To Be Saved?.....	52
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 ?.....	54
Will we still encounter Temptations, Evil, Sin, even when we are growing in the Love God, and Living our life as a Christian ?.....	55
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 ?.....	55
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 ?.....	55
What can separate us from the Love of God ?.....	57
Assurance Of Salvation:	58
True Christian – Has Assurance of Salvation VS.....	58
False Christian – Does Not Have Assurance of Salvation, Unless They Repent	58
Return to Our First Love in Jesus Christ	63
Prayer	65

Note: For a More Detailed Biblical Resource, Refer to my Ebook/Book
“ The Greatest Love Of All - Jesus Christ “

Intoduction

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 - 12 (AKJV) -“ 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. “

What is Love?

Matthew 22:37 t- 40 (AKJV) “ 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 though 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 and 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."

How we should Love one another?

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.

HOW we should Love one another? And more on What is Love

• 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 13:1–13 (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.

List Of God's Kind of 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 Lords 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 lets 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, "Lets 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 Christs 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 Gods 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 goods 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 Gods 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 Gods 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 Gods will without wavering. It requires a dedication to fulfilling Gods 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 a 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 Proudful 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 Gods 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 Gods 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 Gods 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."

How should we respond to God's Love & Commandments so that we can grow in His Love in the way that 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

Note: For a More Detailed Biblical Resource, Refer to my Ebook/Book
" The Greatest Love Of All - Jesus Christ "

What God Does Not What Us To Do -

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 want's 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.

Biblical Commentary: What God Does Not Want Us To Do According to the New Testament

The New Testament, while rooted in the grace and redemptive love of God through Jesus Christ, gives clear and authoritative guidance about the behaviors, attitudes, and practices that God does not want His people to engage in. These warnings are not burdensome restrictions but holy boundaries intended to preserve spiritual life, moral purity, and fellowship with God. At the heart of the New Testament message is the call to turn away from sin and embrace the life of the Spirit. Romans 6:1–2 says, “*Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin.*” God does not want His children to continue living in the flesh, practicing things like sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, hatred, jealousy, and fits of rage (Galatians 5:19–21). These behaviors are not only destructive to the soul but also stand in opposition to the fruit of the Spirit that God desires to produce in believers. Those who live according to the flesh, Paul says, will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Another major theme in the New Testament is the rejection of **idolatry and worldliness**, which includes not only the worship of false gods but also the elevation of anything—possessions, pleasure, power, or people—above God. In 1 John 2:15–17, the apostle commands, “*Do not love the world or anything in the world... The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.*” God does not want His people to be conformed to the values of this present age (Romans 12:2), which are often centered around pride, greed, and self-fulfillment rather than humility, contentment, and sacrificial love. The New Testament repeatedly warns against covetousness, materialism, and the love of money (1 Timothy 6:10; Luke 12:15), which choke the Word and lead many away from the faith. Jesus said plainly, “*You cannot serve both God and money*” (Matthew 6:24), highlighting the incompatible loyalties between worldly pursuits and wholehearted devotion to God.

God also explicitly warns against **falsehood, hypocrisy, and divisiveness** in the New Testament church. Jesus strongly condemned religious hypocrisy, where people honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him (Matthew 15:8). The epistles repeatedly caution against lying (Colossians 3:9), slander (James 4:11), gossip (2 Corinthians 12:20), and sowing discord among believers (Titus 3:10). The early church was to be marked by sincerity, unity, and truth. In Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira were judged severely for lying to the Holy Spirit, reminding us that God takes integrity seriously.

Paul urges Christians to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and to strive for unity in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). God does not want His Church divided, corrupted by pride, or marked by conflict, but rather built up in love, humility, and holiness. Those who cause division and promote false doctrine are to be warned and, if unrepentant, removed from fellowship to protect the integrity of the body.

Lastly, the New Testament warns against **spiritual apathy and unbelief**, which can lead to falling away from the living God. Hebrews 3:12 says, *“See to it... that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.”* God does not want us to be lukewarm, indifferent, or merely religious in name only. Jesus warned the church in Laodicea in Revelation 3:16, *“Because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”* Complacency in the Christian life is dangerous; it breeds compromise, weakens witness, and opens the door to sin. The New Testament calls believers to remain watchful (1 Peter 5:8), abide in Christ (John 15:4–5), and pursue holiness (Hebrews 12:14). God does not want us to drift (Hebrews 2:1), doubt His promises, or delay in responding to His Word. Instead, He desires a living faith marked by obedience, devotion, and endurance until the end. Those who endure, Scripture assures, will receive the crown of life (James 1:12).

The **New Testament** provides clear moral and spiritual guidance for believers in Christ. While the emphasis is on grace, love, and transformation through the Holy Spirit, it also contains strong warnings against certain attitudes, behaviors, and practices. Below is a summary of **key things God does not want us to do**, according to the New Testament:

1. Do Not Practice Sinful Lifestyles

God calls believers to repentance and holiness. Habitual, unrepentant sin is incompatible with the new life in Christ.

- **Sexual immorality** – (1 Thessalonians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10)
- **Drunkenness and debauchery** – (Galatians 5:21; Ephesians 5:18)
- **Greed and covetousness** – (Luke 12:15; Colossians 3:5)
- **Idolatry** – worshipping anything or anyone above God – (1 Corinthians 10:14)
- **Lying and deceit** – (Colossians 3:9; Revelation 21:8)
- **Unforgiveness** – (Matthew 6:14–15; Ephesians 4:32)

2. Do Not Conform to the Patterns of This World

God does not want believers to be shaped by worldly values but to be transformed by His truth.

- **Romans 12:2** – *“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”*
- **James 4:4** – *“Friendship with the world means enmity against God.”*

3. Do Not Judge Hypocritically or Harshly

While discernment is encouraged, self-righteous and hypocritical judgment is condemned.

- **Matthew 7:1–5** – *“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.”*
- **Romans 2:1** – *“You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else...”*

4. Do Not Love Money or Serve Two Masters

Jesus and the apostles strongly warn against materialism and greed.

- **Matthew 6:24** – *“You cannot serve both God and money.”*
- **1 Timothy 6:10** – *“The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.”*

5. Do Not Cause Others to Stumble

God forbids leading others into sin, especially weaker believers.

- **Matthew 18:6** – *“If anyone causes one of these little ones... to stumble...”*
- **Romans 14:13** – *“Make up your mind not to put any stumbling block... in the way of a brother or sister.”*

6. Do Not Grumble, Complain, or Sow Division

God desires unity and thankfulness among His people.

- **Philippians 2:14** – *“Do everything without grumbling or arguing...”*
- **Titus 3:10** – Warns against divisive people in the church.
- **1 Corinthians 1:10** – Urges believers to be united in mind and thought.

7. Do Not Be Proud or Self-Righteous

Humility is a core Christian virtue, and pride is opposed by God.

- **James 4:6** – *“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”*
- **Luke 18:9–14** – Parable of the Pharisee and tax collector warns against spiritual arrogance.

8. Do Not Be Lukewarm or Spiritually Apathetic

Jesus calls for wholehearted devotion, not passive religiosity.

- **Revelation 3:15–16** – *“Because you are lukewarm... I am about to spit you out of my mouth.”*
- **2 Timothy 3:5** – Warns of having a form of godliness but denying its power.

9. Do Not Be Deceived by False Teachers

God forbids following doctrines that twist the gospel or promote sin.

- **2 Peter 2:1–3** – Warns of false teachers who exploit with lies.
- **2 Timothy 4:3–4** – People will gather teachers to suit their desires.
- **1 John 4:1** – *“Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.”*

10. Do Not Neglect the Gathering of Believers

God calls His people to fellowship, worship, and accountability together.

- **Hebrews 10:25** – *“Do not give up meeting together...”*
- **Acts 2:42–47** – The early church devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, and prayer.

Summary:

God calls New Testament believers **not to**:

- Continue in unrepentant sin
- Love the world or money
- Judge others hypocritically
- Lead others astray
- Be divisive or complain
- Be proud or self-centered
- Compromise the truth
- Forsake fellowship and worship

Instead, God desires that we walk in the Spirit, abide in Christ, obey His Word, love others sincerely, and remain faithful until the end (Galatians 5:22–25; John 15:5–10; Revelation 2:10).

100 Biblical Things That God Does Not Want Us To Do: - That Are Not Love

(These are things that God wants to help us to deny ourselves and not to continue deliberately doing while under the Grace of Jesus Christ, by the work of God’s Holy Spirit and the transforming new life that Jesus Christ regenerates within us)

1. Worship Other Gods

- **Verse:** *“You shall have no other gods before Me.”*
— **Exodus 20:3**

2. Make or Worship Idols

- **Verse:** *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image..."*
— **Exodus 20:4-5**

3. Take the Lord's Name in Vain

- **Verse:** *"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain..."*
— **Exodus 20:7**

4. Murder

- **Verse:** *"You shall not murder."*
— **Exodus 20:13**

5. Commit Adultery

- **Verse:** *"You shall not commit adultery."*
— **Exodus 20:14**

6. Steal

- **Verse:** *"You shall not steal."*
— **Exodus 20:15**

7. Bear False Witness (Lie)

- **Verse:** *"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."*
— **Exodus 20:16**

8. Covet

- **Verse:** *"You shall not covet your neighbor's house..."*
— **Exodus 20:17**

9. Dishonor Parents

- **Verse:** *"Honor your father and your mother..."*
— **Exodus 20:12**

10. Hate Others

- **Verse:** *"Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer..."*
— **1 John 3:15**

11. Get Drunk

- **Verse:** *"Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery..."*
— **Ephesians 5:18**

12. Gossip

- **Verse:** *"Do not go about spreading slander among your people..."*
— **Leviticus 19:16**

13. Seek Revenge

- **Verse:** *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge..."*
— **Leviticus 19:18**

14. Engage in Sexual Immorality

- **Verse:** *"Flee from sexual immorality..."*
— **1 Corinthians 6:18**

15. Be Proudful

- **Verse:** *"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."*
— James 4:6

16. Judge Hypocritically

- **Verse:** *"Do not judge, or you too will be judged."*
— Matthew 7:1-2

17. Love the World More Than God

- **Verse:** *"Do not love the world or the things in the world..."*
— 1 John 2:15

18. Hold Unforgiveness

- **Verse:** *"But if you do not forgive others... your Father will not forgive your sins."*
— Matthew 6:15

19. Trust in Riches

- **Verse:** *"Do not trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God..."*
— 1 Timothy 6:17

20. Ignore the Poor and Needy

- **Verse:** *"Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered."*
— Proverbs 21:13

21. Lie

- **Verse:** *"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight."*
— Proverbs 12:22

22. Sow Discord

- **Verse:** *"A false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren."*
— Proverbs 6:19

23. Love Money

- **Verse:** *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil..."*
— 1 Timothy 6:10

24. Be Lazy

- **Verse:** *"Lazy hands make for poverty, but diligent hands bring wealth."*
— Proverbs 10:4

25. Be Arrogant

- **Verse:** *"Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the Lord..."*
— Proverbs 16:5

26. Be a Hypocrite

- **Verse:** *"Woe to you... hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs..."*
— Matthew 23:27

27. Oppress Others

- **Verse:** *"Do not exploit the poor because they are poor..."*
— **Proverbs 22:22-23**

28. Be Greedy

- **Verse:** *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed..."*
— **Luke 12:15**

29. Swear False Oaths

- **Verse:** *"Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God."*
— **Leviticus 19:12**

30. Refuse Correction

- **Verse:** *"Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid."*
— **Proverbs 12:1**

31. Cause Others to Stumble

- **Verse:** *"If anyone causes one of these little ones... to stumble..."*
— **Mark 9:42**

32. Be Double-Minded

- **Verse:** *"A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."*
— **James 1:8**

33. Practice Divination or Witchcraft

- **Verse:** *"Do not practice divination or seek omens."*
— **Leviticus 19:26**

34. Consult the Dead

- **Verse:** *"Let no one be found among you... who consults the dead."*
— **Deuteronomy 18:10-11**

35. Hold Onto Anger

- **Verse:** *"In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry."*
— **Ephesians 4:26**

36. Reject the Gospel

- **Verse:** *"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life..."*
— **John 3:36**

37. Commit Homosexual Acts

(According to traditional Biblical interpretation)

- **Verse:** *"Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable."*
— **Leviticus 18:22**

38. Commit Abortion / Shed Innocent Blood

- **Verse:** *"There are six things the Lord hates... hands that shed innocent blood."*
— Proverbs 6:17

39. Envy Others

- **Verse:** *"Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."*
— Galatians 5:26

40. Doubt God

- **Verse:** *"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt..."*
— James 1:6

41. Blaspheme the Holy Spirit

- **Verse:** *"Whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."*
— Mark 3:29

42. Be Unequally Yoked with Unbelievers

- **Verse:** *"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers..."*
— 2 Corinthians 6:14

43. Boast in Yourself

- **Verse:** *"Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth..."*
— Proverbs 27:2

44. Disobey God's Commands

- **Verse:** *"If you love me, keep my commandments."*
— John 14:15

45. Neglect the Needy

- **Verse:** *"If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity... how can the love of God be in that person?"*
— 1 John 3:17

46. Speak Corrupt Words

- **Verse:** *"Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth..."*
— Ephesians 4:29

47. Practice Injustice

- **Verse:** *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil..."*
— Isaiah 5:20

48. Seek Glory for Yourself

- **Verse:** *"How can you believe since you accept glory from one another but do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?"*
— John 5:44

49. Use Unjust Weights and Measures

- **Verse:** *"Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord..."*
— Proverbs 11:1

50. Be Quick to Anger

- Verse: *"Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry..."*
— James 1:19-20

51. Be Lukewarm in Faith

- Verse: *"Because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth."*
— Revelation 3:16

52. Take Advantage of Others

- Verse: *"Do not defraud or rob your neighbor..."*
— Leviticus 19:13

53. Refuse to Repent

- Verse: *"But unless you repent, you too will all perish."*
— Luke 13:3

54. Be Unfaithful in Marriage

- Verse: *"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure..."*
— Hebrews 13:4

55. Resist the Holy Spirit

- Verse: *"You stiff-necked people!... You always resist the Holy Spirit!"*
— Acts 7:51

56. Speak Against God's Servants

- Verse: *"Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm."*
— Psalm 105:15

57. Break Promises

- Verse: *"It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it."*
— Ecclesiastes 5:5

58. Neglect Prayer

- Verse: *"Pray without ceasing."*
— 1 Thessalonians 5:17

59. Fear Man Over God

- Verse: *"The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe."*
— Proverbs 29:25

60. Live for the Flesh

- Verse: *"For if you live according to the flesh, you will die..."*
— Romans 8:13

61. Grumble or Complain

- Verse: *"Do everything without grumbling or arguing."*
— Philippians 2:14

62. Repay Evil for Evil

- **Verse:** *"Do not repay anyone evil for evil."*
— **Romans 12:17**

63. Conform to the World

- **Verse:** *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world..."*
— **Romans 12:2**

64. Be Friends with the World (Spiritually)

- **Verse:** *"Friendship with the world is enmity with God."*
— **James 4:4**

65. Speak Evil of Others

- **Verse:** *"Do not speak evil against one another, brothers."*
— **James 4:11**

66. Be Unthankful

- **Verse:** *"Give thanks in all circumstances..."*
— **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

67. Quench the Spirit

- **Verse:** *"Do not quench the Spirit."*
— **1 Thessalonians 5:19**

68. Despise God's Word

- **Verse:** *"Anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God..."*
— **1 Thessalonians 4:8**

69. Show Partiality

- **Verse:** *"If you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers."*
— **James 2:9**

70. Neglect the Gathering of Believers

- **Verse:** *"Do not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing..."*
— **Hebrews 10:25**

71. Love Pleasure More Than God

- **Verse:** *"Lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."*
— **2 Timothy 3:4**

72. Oppose Authority That God Has Established

- **Verse:** *"Whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted..."*
— **Romans 13:2**

73. Use Unwholesome Talk

- **Verse:** *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths..."*
— **Ephesians 4:29**

74. Ignore the Voice of God

- **Verse:** *"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts..."*
— **Hebrews 3:15**

75. Speak Rashly

- **Verse:** *"Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them."*
— **Proverbs 29:20**

76. Associate with the Wicked

- **Verse:** *"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'"*
— **1 Corinthians 15:33**

77. Store Up Earthly Treasures Only

- **Verse:** *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth..."*
— **Matthew 6:19-20**

78. Forget God in Times of Prosperity

- **Verse:** *"Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God..."*
— **Deuteronomy 8:11-14**

79. Mock or Scoff

- **Verse:** *"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked..."*
— **Galatians 6:7**

80. Neglect to Do Good

- **Verse:** *"Anyone, then, who knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."*
— **James 4:17**

81. Trust in Yourself Instead of God

- **Verse:** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*
— **Proverbs 3:5**

82. Neglect the Poor and Widows

- **Verse:** *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows..."*
— **James 1:27**

83. Hold on to Bitterness

- **Verse:** *"Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger..."*
— **Ephesians 4:31**

84. Take Bribes

- **Verse:** *"Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent."*
— **Exodus 23:8**

85. Be Enslaved by Anything (Addictions)

- **Verse:** *"I will not be mastered by anything."*
— **1 Corinthians 6:12**

86. Ignore the Needs of Family

- **Verse:** *"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives... has denied the faith."*
— 1 Timothy 5:8

87. Use God's Grace as a License to Sin

- **Verse:** *"Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means!"*
— Romans 6:1-2

88. Speak Foolishly

- **Verse:** *"Even a fool is thought wise if he keeps silent..."*
— Proverbs 17:28

89. Forget God's Faithfulness

- **Verse:** *"You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth."*
— Deuteronomy 32:18

90. Be Stingy

- **Verse:** *"A stingy man hastens after wealth and does not know that poverty will come upon him."*
— Proverbs 28:22

91. Follow the Crowd in Doing Wrong

- **Verse:** *"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong."*
— Exodus 23:2

92. Use Flattery for Deception

- **Verse:** *"They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak."*
— Psalm 12:2

93. Ignore God's Discipline

- **Verse:** *"Do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke."*
— Proverbs 3:11

94. Despise the Day of Small Beginnings

- **Verse:** *"Who dares despise the day of small things?"*
— Zechariah 4:10

95. Boast About Tomorrow

- **Verse:** *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring."*
— Proverbs 27:1

96. Let Your Heart Be Troubled (Unbelief)

- **Verse:** *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."*
— John 14:1

97. Love to Quarrel

- **Verse:** *"It is to one's honor to avoid strife, but every fool is quick to quarrel."*
— Proverbs 20:3

98. Give Under Compulsion

- **Verse:** *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion..."*
— **2 Corinthians 9:7**

99. Forget to Teach Your Children About God

- **Verse:** *"Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home..."*
— **Deuteronomy 6:7**

100. Live Without Purpose or Vision

- **Verse:** *"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."*
— **Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)**

Repent, The Kingdom of God is at hand; We need to change our minds, turn from sin and bear forth true Love and of good fruit and 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, reproofs, 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 of 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 Denote Sin

Falling short of the Christlike living and behavior that God desires and intended us to have.

(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."

Iniquity (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 ye.
- **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 (AKJV):**
4 An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
- **Proverbs 13:10 (AKJV):**
10 Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.
- **Obadiah 1:3 (AKJV):**
3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?

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 1:28–32** (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, maliciousness; 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 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?

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, perjurers, 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, according to the Bible? ; 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.

Various Sins according to the Bible, which are not Love, and anyone is not fully loving when deliberately continuing in various sin without repenting

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 to 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.

Biblical List of What God's Word teaches us not to do that is 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, Philippians 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

Is Love Is Essential To Be Saved?

Yes that reveals to God that a person truly believes in Jesus and abides in Him and His saving Grace By Faith.

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):

If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

John 14:24 (AKJV):

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.

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 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 comdemns? 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.

Key Highlights from Romans 8:31–39

1. God is For Us (v. 31–32)

- *If God is for us, who can be against us?*
- He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him for us all.
- With Him, God will freely give us all things.

2. God Justifies & Christ Intercedes (v. 33–34)

- No one can lay a charge against God's elect — it is God who justifies.
- Christ died, rose again, and is at the right hand of God.
- Christ also makes intercession for us.

3. What Cannot Separate Us from Christ's Love (v. 35, 38–39)

- Tribulation
- Distress
- Persecution
- Famine
- Nakedness
- Peril
- Sword
- Death nor life
- Angels nor principalities nor powers
- Things present nor things to come
- Height nor depth
- Any other creature

None of these can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

4. What Makes Us More Than Conquerors (v. 37)

- *In all these things* (tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword)
- We are more than conquerors
- Through Him who loved us.

Summary Truth:

- God is for us — none can be against us.
- Christ intercedes — no condemnation remains.
- Nothing external can separate us from God's love in Christ.
- In every trial and hardship, we are more than conquerors through His love.

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 christs, 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, maliciousness; 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 25:41-46 (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.

Assurance Of Salvation:

True Christian – Has Assurance of Salvation VS.

False Christian – Does Not Have Assurance of Salvation, Unless They Repent

True Christian – Has Assurance of Salvation

1. Genuine Faith and Believes in Jesus Christ

- Fully trusts in Jesus Christ alone for salvation.

- Believes in His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.
 - Saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8–9).
- 2. True Repentance and Ongoing Transformation**
- Turns from sin and continues growing in holiness.
 - Shows a changed heart and life (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - Grieves over sin and seeks righteousness.
- 3. Does Not Purposely Sin**
- May stumble but does not live in ongoing, willful sin (1 John 3:6–9).
 - Confesses and turns from sin (1 John 1:9).
 - Desires to walk in purity and obedience.
- 4. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**
- Convicted of sin, empowered for holiness, and produces spiritual fruit (Romans 8:16; Galatians 5:22–23).
 - Experiences inward transformation.
- 5. Love for God**
- Loves God sincerely, shown through obedience and worship (Matthew 22:37; John 14:15).
 - Puts God first in every area of life.
- 6. Love for Others**
- Loves others sacrificially, especially fellow believers (1 John 4:7–8).
 - Forgives, serves, and lives with humility (1 John 3:16–18).
- 7. Desire for God’s Word and Obedience**
- Delights in Scripture and submits to it (Psalm 119:97).
 - Applies God’s truth daily and grows in wisdom.
- 8. Perseverance in Faith**
- Endures trials and holds fast to Christ (Hebrews 10:23; James 1:12).
 - Doesn’t abandon faith or walk away permanently.
- 9. Fully Committed to Following Jesus**
- Denies self, takes up the cross, and follows Jesus daily (Luke 9:23).
 - Lives with Christ as Lord, not as a side priority.
- 10. Worships and Follows the One True God**
- Worships the God of the Bible alone (John 4:24).

- Rejects all idols, false teachings, and religious deception (1 John 5:21; 2 Thessalonians 2:10).
- 11. Produces Good Fruit and Works**
- Bears fruit consistent with repentance and saving faith (Matthew 7:17–20).
 - Works flow from faith, not to earn salvation (Ephesians 2:10; James 2:18).
 - Lives marked by love, justice, mercy, and obedience.
- 12. Peace and Assurance of Salvation**
- Has confidence based on God's Word and transformed life (1 John 5:13; Romans 8:38–39).
 - Assurance grows as fruit increases and faith matures.

False Christian – No Assurance Unless They Repent

1. Superficial or Misplaced Faith

- Claims belief but lacks saving trust in Christ.
- Relies on works, traditions, or emotions (Matthew 7:21–23).

2. No True Repentance

- Stays in sin without remorse or change.
- Justifies or embraces sinful behavior (Hebrews 10:26–27).

3. Deliberately Sins Without Repenting

- Willfully disobeys God with no intention to stop (1 John 3:8).
- May feel no conviction or ignore the Spirit's prompting.

4. No Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- No inward change, no spiritual fruit, no spiritual power.
- Lives in the flesh, not the Spirit.

5. Lack of Love for God

- Prioritizes self, pleasure, or the world.
- May say they love God but live contrary to His Word (Titus 1:16).

6. Lack of Love for Others

- Selfish, unforgiving, unloving, or divisive.
- No evidence of grace in relationships (1 John 4:20).

7. Neglect or Rejection of God's Word

- Disregards the Bible or only accepts parts of it.

- Resists conviction and refuses to submit to God's truth.

8. False Sense of Security

- Assumes they are saved because of religion, morality, or feelings.
- Lacks real fruit or transformation.

9. Lukewarm or Half-Hearted Commitment

- Spiritually indifferent; unwilling to give up comfort, sin, or pride (Revelation 3:15–16).
- Follows Jesus in name, but not in life.

10. Follows False Gods, Idols, or False Doctrines

- Serves self, money, culture, or false teachings (Exodus 20:3; 2 Peter 2:1).
- Substitutes truth for deception.

11. Bad Fruit or Faith Without Works

- Produces no lasting spiritual fruit (Matthew 7:18–20).
- Claims faith but shows no evidence of it in life or actions (James 2:14–17).
- May do “religious” works, but from a dead heart.

12. In Danger Without Repentance

- Spiritually lost unless they truly repent and believe the Gospel (Luke 13:3; Revelation 3:19).
- No assurance or salvation apart from transformation.

The Bible clearly teaches that a true Christian can have assurance of salvation through the transformative power of God's grace and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. We are able to have full assurance of Salvation in Jesus Christ and not in ourselves, but in him alone for all what he has done and will do within our lives as he has promised, by faith. A true Christian is not perfect, and will still sin from time to time, but will repent and purpose not to commit sin deliberately.

Those who are genuinely saved experience regeneration in their mind, heart, spirit, and motives (John 3:3–8), which results in a progressively sanctified life marked by obedience, humility, love for others, and a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8:16, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.” This inward testimony serves as one of the foundational assurances for the believer. Furthermore, Jesus declares in John 10:27–28, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” True assurance is not based on human effort or fleeting emotion, but on the promises of God, the finished work of Christ, and the fruit produced by the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23).

In contrast, Scripture warns repeatedly about those who claim to follow Christ yet remain unchanged at heart. False Christians—individuals who profess belief but lack genuine repentance and transformation—are described as having a form of godliness while

denying its power (2 Timothy 3:5). Jesus issued a sobering warning in Matthew 7:21-23, stating, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” He follows this by explaining that many will claim to have done great works in His name, yet He will say to them, “I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.” This highlights that external religion without inward renewal is insufficient for salvation. It is not enough to merely associate with Christianity; one must be born again and walk in submission to Christ.

The difference between true and false assurance lies in the evidence of conversion. True Christians may struggle with sin and even wrestle with doubt, yet they are marked by a sincere desire for holiness, ongoing repentance, and perseverance in faith. 1 John is a particularly clarifying letter for this subject. John repeatedly emphasizes the importance of obedience, love, and doctrinal truth as signs of true fellowship with God (1 John 2:3-6, 3:9-10). He writes, “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning... and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.” While Christians are not sinless, they are not at peace with sin; they battle it with the strength God supplies. On the other hand, those who persist in willful rebellion or who only maintain a superficial form of Christianity without inward change are self-deceived. Unless they repent, they remain under God’s judgment despite their outward religious appearance.

Repentance, therefore, is the dividing line. For the false Christian, salvation remains out of reach until there is genuine, Spirit-enabled repentance—a turning from sin and self to God in faith (Acts 3:19, 2 Corinthians 7:10). This repentance is not merely emotional sorrow or regret, but a wholehearted transformation that results in changed desires, behaviors, and allegiance to Christ. God is gracious and patient, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Yet Scripture is clear: without repentance, there is no salvation. The church must not offer false assurance to those living in sin while professing faith. Instead, it must call all people to examine themselves to see whether they are in the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5) and to cling not to empty confessions, but to Christ alone—evidenced by a life of faithful obedience and trust in His promises.

Assurance of our salvation from sin and its consequences and to further receive eternal life through Jesus Christ are among the great blessings of the gospel. It is not rooted in human merit, emotional feelings, or religious performance, but in the unchanging promises of God, the finished work of Christ on the cross, and the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. In Romans 8:1, Paul declares, “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” This assurance is grounded in a genuine union with Christ, evidenced by repentance, faith, and a transformed life. Jesus affirms in John 6:37 that “whoever comes to me I will never cast out.” The assurance a true believer enjoys is not self-deception but the fruit of a sincere and ongoing relationship with the Savior, demonstrated through love, obedience, and perseverance in the faith. Assurance is deepened through the Spirit’s work, as 1 John 4:13 says, “By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.”

In contrast, the false Christian—one who professes faith in Christ but lives in ongoing unrepentant sin or spiritual apathy—has no biblical grounds for assurance. A false Christian chooses to remain hypocritical, lukewarm and continues abusing the grace of

Jesus, without remorse and change of mind and by turning from evil. They may feel secure because of a past prayer, baptism, or church membership, but if their life bears no fruit of repentance and transformation, their assurance is false. Jesus issues a grave warning in Matthew 7:22-23: “Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord...’ and then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’” These individuals had religious activity, even spiritual claims, but lacked the essential relationship with Christ. False assurance is a dangerous delusion, and the only path to true salvation is repentance—a complete turning from sin and self to God in faith.

The Scriptures consistently teach that repentance is not optional but essential. Acts 17:30 states plainly, “God now commands all people everywhere to repent.” The false Christian may attend church, read the Bible occasionally, or speak religiously, but unless they experience genuine repentance—a God-granted sorrow over sin that leads to a changed life—they remain spiritually dead (2 Corinthians 7:10). True repentance is not just remorse, but a realignment of the heart and will to obey Christ. Without this transformation, there can be no true salvation, and therefore no assurance. In 1 John 3:6, we read, “No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.” The habitual practice of sin without conviction or change exposes the heart that has not been born again.

Therefore, assurance is both a gift and a result—it is the gracious gift of God to His true children and the result of a life that is being conformed to Christ. For the true Christian, even when doubts arise, they are reminded by the Spirit of the promises of God, the reality of Christ’s intercession, and the evidence of a changed life. For the false Christian, assurance is impossible without repentance because the foundation is missing. The call of the gospel is not just to believe in a general sense but to repent and believe, to turn and trust, to surrender and follow. Only then does assurance come—not from self-confidence, but from the Spirit who testifies to our adoption as sons and daughters of God (Romans 8:16). Thus, the difference is clear: the true Christian has assurance because they have Christ, and the false Christian has no assurance unless they turn to Him in repentance and faith.

Return to Our First Love in Jesus Christ

The call to return to our *first love* in Jesus Christ comes directly from the risen Lord’s message to the church in Ephesus in Revelation 2:4–5. The believers there had commendable works, patience, and endurance in the faith, but Jesus rebuked them for leaving the warmth, passion, and devotion of their earliest love for Him. This “first love” is not merely the initial excitement of conversion, but the deep, wholehearted devotion, simplicity of faith, and intimacy with Christ that should define our relationship with Him. When believers allow duty, routine, or distractions to replace the joy of abiding in Christ, they drift into a loveless form of religion. Jesus urges His people to remember from where they have fallen, repent, and do the first works again—prayer, worship, trust, and obedience that flow out of love rather than obligation.

Returning to our first love is a matter of the heart. Jesus desires not only service but genuine affection and loyalty from His people. As He said in Matthew 22:37, the greatest

commandment is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. This kind of love goes beyond mere outward performance; it springs from an inward relationship that treasures Christ above all else. When that love wanes, it manifests in a lack of fervency in prayer, diminished hunger for the Word, or a loss of joy in worship. God, however, is gracious to call us back to Himself. Like the father running to meet the prodigal son (Luke 15:20), the Lord invites His children to return, promising restoration and renewed intimacy.

To return to our first love also requires repentance and a deliberate reorientation of our priorities. The Bible warns against allowing worldly cares, sinful compromises, or misplaced affections to choke out the love of God in our lives (Mark 4:19; 1 John 2:15–17). Repentance means not only confessing these failures but also actively turning back to Christ with renewed zeal. The Holy Spirit works within us to rekindle passion for Jesus when we humble ourselves and seek Him with sincerity. Spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, worship, and obedience to His Word become means of grace through which the Spirit renews our devotion. As James 4:8 reminds us, “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” When we return wholeheartedly, God revives us with His love and joy, and our faith is no longer cold or mechanical.

Finally, returning to our first love restores our witness to the world. Jesus said that by our love, all people will know that we are His disciples (John 13:35). When the church loses its passion for Christ, it loses its power to shine as light and salt in the world. But when believers rediscover the joy of loving Christ above all else, their lives radiate His presence, and the gospel becomes compelling again. True revival begins not with programs or outward works but with the church falling in love with Jesus anew. In Revelation 2:7, Christ promises that those who overcome will eat from the tree of life in the paradise of God. The greatest reward of returning to our first love is not simply renewed zeal, but the joy of communion with Christ Himself, both now and for eternity.

Other Key Scriptures on Returning to Our First Love

1. **Deuteronomy 6:5** – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”
2. **Jeremiah 2:2** – I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me and followed me through the wilderness.”
3. **Matthew 22:37–38** – The greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind.
4. **John 14:15** – If you love me, keep my commandments.”
5. **John 21:15–17** – Jesus’ threefold call to Peter: “Do you love Me? Feed My sheep.”
6. **1 Corinthians 16:22** – If anyone does not love the Lord, let him be accursed.”

7. **2 Corinthians 11:2–3** – Paul’s concern that believers might be led astray from “sincere and pure devotion to Christ.”
8. **Ephesians 3:17–19** – Paul’s prayer that believers be rooted and grounded in love, knowing Christ’s immeasurable love.
9. **1 John 4:19** – “We love Him because He first loved us.”
10. **Revelation 2:4–5** – The direct call to return to our first love by remembering, repenting, and doing the first works.

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