


## Loving God



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- Every Christian must develop an individual love relationship with God.
- The greatest commandment is to Love God with all your heart, mind and soul; the second greatest is to love your neighbor as yourself. Matthew 22:34-40
- The flaw in your relationship toward others is that you have neglected to develop your relationship with God.
- God is Love.




## Loving God Cont'd 2

- **Matthew 22:34-40 (King James Version)**
- 34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.
- 35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,
- 36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?
- 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.



## Loving God cont'd 3

- Do you remember how you felt when you first were born again.
- You wanted to tell everybody.
- You were in love with everybody. Including your mean Uncle so and so.
- You were so full of the Love of God you just couldn't keep it to yourself.
- Why was that? And where did that love go.
- The Holy Ghost poured the love of God in you and you were just overjoyed.
- Where did that love go? It either grew or it waned. The answer depends on the amount of time you spent with the Lord.




## Loving God cont'd 4

Your vertical relationship with God will determine the horizontal relationships of your life.

Your love must be demonstrated through a personal relationship with Him.

Everything that happens with you, is going to involve a relationship with somebody.

You will never be able to "love right" until you have experienced God in the right way.



## Loving God cont'd 5

- **Mark 12:30 (King James Version)**
- 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
- We must understand the importance of loving God with all our heart, soul, and our mind.
- **Mark 12:30 (Amplified Bible)**
- 30 And you shall love the Lord your God out of and with your whole heart and out of and with all your soul (your life) and out of and with all your mind (with your faculty of thought and your moral understanding) and out of and with all your strength. This is the first and principal commandment.



### Loving God cont'd 6

- How do you learn to love God like that?
- What did you do to fall in love with someone?
- What did you do when you were in the dating scene?
  - You were introduced to the person.
  - You made a decision as to if you would see this person again.
  - You began with a cup of coffee, or a soda.
  - Your next date was maybe a dinner.
  - Then you tried bowling, theatre or a movie.
  - What are you doing?



### Loving God cont'd 7

- You are developing a relationship.
- The more time you spend with this person, the more you get to know them.
  - You get to see all sides of their character.
  - You see their moods.
  - You see their spending habits, are they cheap or a spend thrift.
  - You can see if they have integrity or are they a liar.
  - You later bring them around the family.
  - You stay on the phone talking all the time.
  - You are getting to know them.
  - The more time you spend with them, the more you want to be with them.



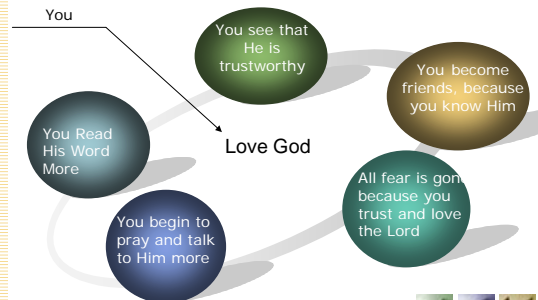
### Loving God cont'd 8

- How much more your Heavenly Father.
- You are to Love Him with all your heart, soul and mind. You are to Love Him with all your being.
- You must deal with your (vertical) relationship with God before you can deal with your (horizontal) relationships with others.
- To know God you must practice being in His presence. In doing so, you become strong and are able to do great exploits.
- **Daniel 11:32b (King James Version)**
- 32 ...but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.



### Loving God Cont'd 9

#### Spending time with God:



### Loving God cont'd 10

- Your relationship with God deepens as you begin to spend time with Him.
- You begin to love Him because you know Him.
- You will know that God is Love.
- **1 John 4:7-8 (King James Version)**
- 7 *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*
- 8 *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*



### Loving God cont'd 11

- Some Christians love each other more than they love God.
- You must develop a relationship grounded in experience.
- The more experiences you have with God, the deeper your love will grow for Him.
- When you get to know God, your Love will be perfected.
- The only antidote for fear is perfected love.



### Loving God cont'd 12

- One benefit of developing in the Love of God is that love casts out fear.
- **1 John 4:18 (King James Version)**
- 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
- **1 John 4:18 (Amplified Bible)**
- 18 There is no fear in love [dread does not exist], but full-grown (complete, perfect) love turns fear out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and [so] he who is afraid has not reached the full maturity of love [is not yet grown into love's complete perfection].



### Loving God cont'd 13

- Fear is the evidence that you have not grown in love.
- Fear tolerated is Faith contaminated.
- Fear provides an access road for the devil to operate in your life.
- Satan cannot operate without fear being present.
- Fear is a Spiritual connector like Faith is a Spiritual connector.
- They will produce results in your life.



### Loving God cont'd 14

- Fear will connect you to the things you fear the most.
- Fear will connect you to the lies of the devil.
- Faith will connect you to the promises of God.
- Fear comes by hearing the words of the Devil, just as Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- Just as it is impossible to please God without Faith, it is impossible to please the Devil without fear.
- When fear is tolerated, Faith is contaminated.



### Loving God Cont'd 15

The Love of God is the only weapon that can Cast out fear.

Fear will connect you to the thing that you don't want.

If you have fear about getting cancer, that fear will connect you to the cancer you don't want.

Fear maintained will cause the very thing to manifest in your life.



### Loving God Cont'd 16



The Word on Healing. Fear tells you to feel around for the pain. Fear says... You're not healed yet.

The Word on deliverance. Fear tells you, "You're not delivered yet", look what you just did.

The Word on Prosperity. Fear will make sure that you look at your bank account. "You see that overdraft fee again.

The Word of God that says Jesus came to give us peace of mind. Not a piece of a mind. Fear brings torment



### Loving God cont'd 17

- **Job 3:25 (King James Version)**
- 25 For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me
- **Job 3:25 (New International Version)**
- 25 What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me.
- **Job 3:25 (Amplified Bible)**
- 25 For the thing which I greatly fear comes upon me, and that of which I am afraid befalls me.
- Fear is a connector



### Loving God cont'd 18

- Fear of death will connect you to the death that you fear.
- Fear of lack, will connect you to the lack you fear.
- Fear of unemployment, will connect you to the unemployment that you fear.
- Satan needs the fear in order to have a part in your life.
- Fear of losing your home, will connect you to losing your home.
- Fear of your children always being in trouble, will connect you to bad children.
- Satan cannot do anything to you, if fear is not there.
- Fear grants Satan access to your life.



### Loving God cont'd 19

- What is your answer to the fear of death?
- **Psalm 91:16 (King James Version)**
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation. Say I am redeemed from the curse of the Law.
- What is your answer to the fear of lack ?
- Fear of unemployment?

- **Philippians 4:19 (Amplified Bible)**

- 19 And my God will liberally supply (fill to the full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- **Philippians 4:19 (King James Version)**

- 19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.



### Loving God cont'd 20

- What is your answer to bad, unruly, unsaved children?
- **Isaiah 54:13 (King James Version)**
- 13 And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children
- **Psalm 91:14 (King James Version)**
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- Do you see why it is so important to have a loving relationship with your heavenly Father. Because you set your love upon the Lord, He will not only deliver you but your children as well.
- We are to love, honor and adore God, not for all the things He can do for you, but just because you love Him.



### Loving God cont'd 21

- Take away the fear, and you take away the free access into your life.
- Maintaining fear leaves the door wide open for the devil to come in.
- Shut the door on the devil.
- Love casts out fear and the devil.
- God has not given us the spirit of fear.
- **Romans 8:15 (King James Version)**
- 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.



### Loving God cont'd 22

- **Romans 8:15 (New Living Translation)**
- 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father."
- Perfect love casts out fear.
- Sometimes we pray fear based prayers.
- Get honest with all the fears in your life.
- You may say "I don't have any fear"
- Have you ever been angry?



### Loving God cont'd 23

- Anger is an expression of fear.
- You are fearful and thus you get angry.
- Example: Your spouse or child comes home with bags and bags of new clothes. You can see the steam coming off of their wallet where the charge cards are. You immediately get angry and start to yell. Why? It's not because they have clothes in the bag. Because you don't want your family member walking around in the nude. You are upset because you are thinking about the bills that are going to be coming in. I don't have that kind of money for you to be spending like that. Fear has gripped your heart. Oh my God am I going to be able to pay that bill? Thoughts of failure begin to pierce through your mind.
- The entire episode was fear based. Am I going to be in lack because of the spending spree?



### Loving God cont'd 24

- Everywhere fear is tolerated, your faith will be contaminated, and your faith won't work.
- Your fear will work.
- Fear is not ok.
- Don't manage fear, cast it out.
  
- Get rid of the fear.
  
- Lets release the Spirit of Faith and say.
  
- NO FEAR HERE. NO FEAR HERE, NO FEAR HERE
- I WILL NOT TOLERATE FEAR ANY LONGER, NO FEAR HERE.



### Loving God cont'd 25

- The presence of God is the cure for fear.
- Push fear away by focusing your attention on the Word of God.
  
- God wants to do so much for you, but fear is blocking the blessing. Your faith works by love, and if fear is blocking your love, your faith can't work.
  
- Your job is to get in the presence of God and watch your love explode.
  
- God is love ( 1 John 4:7-8) God never fails because love never fails (I Corinthians 13:8)



### Loving God cont'd 26

- Some people may say I don't have the God kind of love in my heart.
- When you become born again, you received an injection of love from the Holy Spirit. ...the same one who brought God into your heart.
  - You became possessed by love
  - The most powerful force in the universe
  - All happened when you made Jesus Lord and Savior
  - **Romans 5:5b (Amplified Bible)**
  - 5 b...for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us.



### Loving God cont'd 27

- Now that we know we were given the Love of God when we accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior,
- We can begin to talk about how we are to behave as sons and daughters of the Most High.
  
- We know we have been given this love to cast out all fear.
- You may be asking "Why am I not seeing more results in my life.?"
  
- You have to develop this love walk with the Father.
- This love in you must grow just like a seed.



### Loving God cont'd 28

- God is waiting for you to manifest the love of God in your heart so that the world will come to know Him.
  
- Love is the greatest witness of Heaven.
  
- The world is love-starved and in need of God's love.
  
- When you operate in the love of God, all you want to do is give.
  
- Love is the answer to every problem.
  
- There is an anointing inside of you to love in a supernatural way.
- Human love is spiritually bankrupt.  
God's love draws on faith to reach into your reborn spirit to draw it out.



### Loving God Cont'd 29

- You become a witness for God when His love dwells in you.
- **1 John 4:16-18 (King James Version)**
  - 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
  - 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.
  - 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.
  
- You walk in the power of the anointing when you walk in the love of God.



### Loving God Cont'd 30

- Walking in the love of God causes an explosion of the miraculous.
- God's Word is the connector between your love and His Love.
- God wants you to take His love to the lost so that He can release His power in their lives.
- Love is life. Life without love is spiritual death.



### Loving God Cont'd 31

- Unforgiveness will hinder the power of God from operating in your life.
- When Jesus heard of John the Baptist's death, he didn't retaliate; instead, He went to recharge His "Love" battery. After that, He ministered to the people. Matthew 14: 13-14
- Jesus was tempted in the same ways you are (Hebrews 4:15) but He did not allow Satan's temptations to pull Him out of the Will of God.



### Loving God Cont'd 32

- God will enhance the anointing on your life when you show Him your commitment to staying in His plan, regardless of the pressure to quit.
- When you are tempted to lose control or walk in unforgiveness, follow in Jesus' footsteps: go to a solitary place of prayer and focus in on God.
- You must train yourself to see God.
- Keep Him in your sights and love others.
- Lets now go to the Love chapter.



### Loving God Cont'd 33

- **1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (Amplified Bible) The Love Chapter**
- **1 Corinthians 13**
- 1 IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).
- 3 Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.
- 4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.
- 5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
- 6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
- 7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
- 8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].



### Loving God Cont'd 34

- **1 Corinthians 13:1**
- 1 IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- You can have all these powers and abilities, but without the Love of God in your heart, you become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- You can have the greatest eloquence, oratory and articulation of speech in languages of heaven and earth. No language of heaven or earth has real meaning without love.
- You don't want all your tongues, and wonderful words to ascend to God and it sounds to Him like a noise. You can be as brilliant as Albert Einstein or as wise as Solomon, but without love in your relationships, all you know is negated.
- You can memorize the entire Bible, but without love, it means nothing. The Love of God should be the driving force behind all that you do.



### Loving God Cont'd 35

- **1 Corinthians 13:2**
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).
- You don't want all your prophetic powers, your ability to interpret the divined will and purpose of God, to be labeled as coming from a useless nobody.
- All your wonderful faith will not sustain you to receive the abundant life of God, if God's love is not in you. If we don't have love, our Faith means nothing to God or to anyone else.
- When people see you and they deem you as a mean, nasty Christian, what good are your powers then? They are useless.



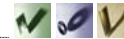
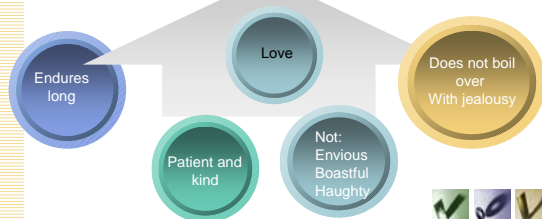
### Loving God Cont'd 36

- 1 Corinthians 13:3
- 3 Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.
- Here we see how important walking in the Love of God really is.
- You can give away all your money. You could even offer your body to be burned.
- But without the Love of God in your heart, it profits you little. The consequences of not loving is, all you say is just noise, all you know is negated, all your faith means nothing.
- Here it is saying, you won't even get a return on your giving. You gain nothing.



### Loving God Cont'd 37

1 Corinthians 13:4  
Love endures long and is patient and kind;  
love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy,  
is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.



### Loving God Cont'd 38

- Vs. 4 cont'd
- Your love, should show through your kindness and patience with others. To be patient with people, we must see them as God does. We must with patience, bear with one another and make allowances because we love one another.
- People should know you are a Christian just by the love you show towards others.
- You should be constantly and consistently the same. We are to be patient with people, not things or situations.
- You should not be the office gossip. You should not be the garbage collector for your job or at church.
- When you find yourself always involved in other peoples business, check your love walk.



### Loving God Cont'd 39

- Vs 4 cont'd
- Envy makes you mean.
- Envy- wants you to take what belongs to someone else.
- Jealousy- is afraid that what one has will be taken by someone else.
- If you are jealous of a person, you will begin to respond to them in a negative way.
- No matter what they do, they can do not right.
- You will only see the negative side of that person.
- We are to renounce those feelings and begin to respond to that person in love.



### Loving God Cont'd 40

- 1 Corinthians 13:5
- 5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
- We could stay here all night.
- Christians should not have a holier than thou attitude.
- I have seen a lot of down right rude Christians. Last time I checked that behavior is not Christ like.
- As Christians we should not act unbecoming as a Child of God.
- It is sad when you hear "Did they say they were a Christian?"



### Loving God Cont'd 41

- Sometimes people might say you are a wimp, or you are timid. But walking in the Love of God will yield you a better reward not only in heaven but on earth as well.
- I use to think that I was a wimp. But I realized that I was walking in the Love of God and letting God fight my battles, as I continued to walk in God's Love.
- I did not want to retaliate, when someone hurt me.
- I didn't want to say hurtful words to another person.
- I wanted to see the good in everybody.
- I thought that was my Peter Pan attitude, until I was told that I was walking in the love of God.
- I did not get there overnight, the Lord had to work on me.



### Loving God Cont'd 42

- *I Corinthians 13:5 cont'd.*
- It is so sad to see Christians that always want their own way. If it is not their way, it just won't get done.
- We as saints of God should not be touchy.
- We have problems with church members.
- They never let things go. Some carry grudges for years.
- The sad thing about that is that they are hurting themselves.
- Sad when you are forming groups in the church that you can't put two members together, because they don't get along.



### Loving God Cont'd 43

- Vs. 5 cont'd
- There is a secular song that says "Where is the Love".
- Touchy saints need to spend a little more time with their Daddy God.
- When you walk in the Love of God, you are not resentful.
- You will not yield to the temptation to be fretful, mean, arrogant, and unkind.
- You may say how can I **not** take an account of a suffered wrong.
- How can I not hold a grudge, or retaliate when someone hurts me? The Holy Ghost has placed that love in you already.



### Loving God Cont'd 44

- You mean I can't keep a record of what my spouse did or did not do?
- Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have someone or something to forgive.
- Love always forgive. We must be quick to forgive.
- Ephesians 4:32 says "be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you."

To nurse a grudge is to keep alive the thing that will destroy you.

The only petition in the Lord's prayer that has a condition attached is the one on forgiveness.

I am quick to forgive. Say it over and over again.



### Loving God Cont'd 45

- *I Corinthians 13:6-7*
- 6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
- 7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
- Love keeps quiet about the faults of others, unless it is to help or protect.
- Love does not delight in evil.
- Love stands tall and gets victory in all situations, no matter what comes.
- Love believes the best in everyone.
- Love does not let past offense or hurts color our judgment.
- Love speaks the truth in Love.
- Love is strong and endures all things.



### Loving God Cont'd 46

- *I Corinthians 13:8*
- 8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].
- Love never fails.
- Love never fades.
- Love never become obsolete.
- God's love never fails.
- Love always protects
- Love always forgives
- When you walk in the Love of God, you will never fail.
- God will be there to give you the victory.



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