

**WALKING**

**IN**

**LOVE**

**Outline for group discussion**

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## WALKING IN LOVE

The unconditional Love of the Father bestowed upon us as Sons of God through the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross as we by Grace through Faith receive the eternal covenantal promises of the Father is for this fundamental purpose that we make known before all humanity as Sons of God the Love of the Father to a broken and disconnected world so that they can be restored and reconciled back to the Father.

This is the amazing Love of God that finds its expression in us so that we can shine this Light over and in all areas of influence so that mankind will glorify the Father in Heaven. Matt 5:13-16

The Grand narrative in Jhn 3:16 – Is that God so **LOVED** the world and the result of this love is that He gave His only Begotten son. The response from humanity is that we must BELIEVE.

agapē

*ag-ah'-pay*

*love, that is, affection or benevolence; specifically (plural) a love feast: - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.*

1Jn 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1Jn 4:8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1Jn 4:9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1Jn 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1Jn 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1Jn 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son *as* Savior of the world.

1Jn 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1Jn 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. **God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.**

1Jn 4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

1Jn 4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

1Jn 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

1Jn 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

**The Love of God is fundamentally principled and not conditional. This is what is expressed as the Aape Love of God.**

**This love is the expression of the Father reaching out first to humanity for man in his depraved existence has no ability to first reach out to God.**

**When this unconditional, sacrificial, benevolent love is evinced before humanity it has to be reciprocated to God and to fellow man. Outside of this divine statute and order we cannot know GOD.**

**As we express this God Love through the Spirit of God, we make known the invisible God before all men. The manifestation of this love testifies to the fact that God abides in us.**

**God does not only express this love as being a part of Him. He is LOVE. The very nature, DNA and make up of the Godhead is LOVE.**

**This Love has to be perfected in us through judgment, tests and challenges, that we will experience with those that we relate to and in this world systems. This validates us as sons of our Father before all men.**

**We make known the Love of God as we represent Him before all men.**

**The cross of Calvary is made up of a:**

- **Vertical beam – the love relationship and interaction between God and man, man to God.**
  - **Horizontal beam – the love relationship and interaction between man to man.**
- Both these relationships must be exemplified in the life of a Son of God.**

### **The promises of walking in The Love of God:**

1. **Deu 11:13** "If you carefully observe the commands that I'm giving you today, to love the LORD your God and serve him with all your heart and soul,  
Deu 11:14 then he will send rain on the land in its season—the early and latter rains—then you'll gather grain, new wine, and oil.  
Deu 11:15 He will provide grass on the fields for your livestock, and you'll eat and be satisfied.

1 Cor 3:9 – we are God's field

2. **Psa 31:23** O **love the LORD**, all ye his saints: *for* the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
3. **Mat 22:37** 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.
4. **Mar 12:30** 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.*
5. **Luk 10:27** And he answering said, Thou shalt **love the Lord** thy God with all thy neighbour as thyself.

**Walking in this Love – is progressive, changing of one’s position and location, never having a settling mentality but that of pursuing the will of God until that produces maturity.**

### **LOVE OF GOD VS LOVE FOR GOD**

Joh 1:21 Keep yourselves in the **love of God**, looking for the mercy **of** our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Joh 5:38 And you do not have His Word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He has sent.

Joh 5:39 You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life. And they are the ones witnessing of Me,

Joh 5:40 and you will not come to Me that you might have life.

Joh 5:41 I do not receive honor from men.

**Joh 5:42** But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.

Joh 5:43 I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me. If another shall come in *his* own name, him you will receive.

- **The Love of God brings us to the position of exact representation**

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we **love** the children **of God**, when we **love God**, and keep his commandments.

#### **Loving God + keeping His word = SONS OF IS LOVE - REPRESENTATION**

1Jn 5:3 For this is the **love of God**, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

#### **Keep**

tēreō

tay-reh'-o

From τῆρός *teros* (a *watch*; perhaps akin to G2334); to *guard* (from *loss* or *injury*, properly by keeping *the eye* upon; and thus differing from G5442, which is properly to *prevent* escaping; and from G2892, which implies a *fortress* or full military lines of apparatus), that is, to *note* (a prophecy; figuratively to *fulfil* a command); by implication to *detain* (in custody; figuratively to *maintain*); by extension to *withhold* (for personal ends; figuratively to *keep unmarried*): - hold fast, keep (-er), (ob-, pre-, re) serve, watch.

- **We must have the abiding word in us:**

**ABIDING** : menō

**Thayer Definition:**

1) to remain, abide

1a) in reference to place

1a1) to sojourn, tarry

1a2) not to depart

1a2a) to continue to be present

1a2b) to be held, kept, continually

1b) in reference to time

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1b1) to continue to be, not to perish, to last, endure

1b1a) of persons, to survive, live

1c) in reference to state or condition

1c1) to remain as one, not to become another or different

2) to wait for, await one.

1Jn 2:3 And by this we know that we have known Him, if we keep His commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He who says, I have known Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

**1Jn 2:5** But whoever keeps His Word, truly in this one the love of God is perfected. By this we know that we are in Him.

PERFECTED:

teleioō

*tel-i-o'-o*

From G5046; to *complete*, that is, (literally) *accomplish*, or (figuratively) *consummate* (in character): - consecrate, finish, fulfil, (make) perfect.

#### **The LOVE OF GOD BRINGS US TO A PLACE OF PERFECTION – REFER BELOW**

From G5046 - teleios

*tel'-i-os*

From G5056; *complete* (in various applications of labor, growth, mental and moral character, etc.); neuter (as noun, with G3588) *completeness*: - of full age, man, perfect.

- The love of GOD CAN ONLY BE MANFIESTED THROUGH A SON OF GOD FOR IT IS ONLY A SON THAT UNDERSTANDS THE VERY ESSENCE OF HIS FATHER.
- The son is the express image of His Father. Exact Representation.
  - John 14: 9  
Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. 11 Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.
  - 1 John 4:16  
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.**

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- Eph 5:1-2  
Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2 and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

The result of those who do not have this love of God nor walk in this love: Eph 5:3

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But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; 4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

### **All who are born of God has the Love of God – the principle of representation**

1Jn 3:1 Behold what manner of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God. Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him.

### **Love that is sacrificial**

Gen 22:2

2 **“Take your son, your only son**—yes, Isaac, whom **you love so much**—and go to the land of Moriah. **Go and sacrifice** him as a burnt offering on one of the mountains, which I will show you.”

Love = sacrifice and submission to the will of the Father

Sacrificial Love produces vision, destiny and purpose.

John 3:16

16 “For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Sacrificial love = belief and belief = eternal life and eternal life removes condemnation and judgement.

1Jn 4:9 In this was manifested the **love of God** toward us, because that **God** sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

### I abide in His love when I keep His commandments.

Joh 15:8 This is how my Father is glorified, when you produce a lot of fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Joh 15:9 Just as the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. So abide in my love.

Joh 15:10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Joh 15:11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

Joh 15:12 "This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you.

**Joh 15:13** No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends.

### THE LOVE OF GOD IN US VALIDATES THAT WE ARE HIS SONS IN HOW WE SERVE OTHERS

**1Jn 3:16** By this we have known the love *of God*, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brothers.

1Jn 3:17 But whoever has this world's goods and sees his brother having need, and shuts up his bowels from him, how does the love of God dwell in him?

1Jn 3:18 My children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

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Rom 5:2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace by which we have been established, and we boast because of our hope in God's glory.

Rom 5:3 Not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

Rom 5:4 endurance produces character, and character produces hope.

**Rom 5:5** Now this hope does not disappoint us, because **God's love has been poured** out into our hearts **by the Holy Spirit**, who has been given to us.

Rom 5:6 For at just the right time, while we were still powerless, the Messiah died for the ungodly.

### HOW DO WE MEASURE THIS AGAPE LOVE IN THE LIFE OF A SON OF GOD:

#### CASE STUDY 1 : Philip 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## CASE STUDY 2 1 COR 13:1-13

### The Way of Love

**1Co 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

**1Co 13:2** 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, but have not love, I am nothing.

**1Co 13:3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

**1Co 13:4** Love suffers **long** and is **kind**; love does **not envy**; love **does not parade itself**, is **not puffed up**;

**1Co 13:5** **does not behave rudely**, does **not seek its own**, is **not provoked**, thinks **no evil**;

**1Co 13:6** does **not rejoice in iniquity**, but **rejoices in the truth**;

**1Co 13:7** **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

**1Co 13:8** Love **never fails**. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

**1Co 13:9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

**1Co 13:10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

**1Co 13:11** 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.

**1Co 13:12** For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

**1Co 13:13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; **but the greatest of these is love.**

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