


God is Love, a foundational message

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Without God, there is no love.

- My personal testimony of telling God to "leave me alone," is synonymous with sending love away. Scripture says, I will never leave you or forsake you, [Hebrews 13:5](#). However, we can walk away from God, He regards and will not violate man's freewill.

God is more than just a person, He is love, He is the essence of love!

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love, [1st John 4:7-8](#).

We can also say; God is a Spirit of love, for: God is a spirit, and they who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth, [John 4:24](#).

The importance of love, without Love I am nothing! -- Apostle Paul --

Though I speak in tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. Though I have the gift of prophecy, understand all mysteries and have faith to move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. Though I give my goods and efforts to feed the poor, but have not love, it profits me nothing, [1st Corinthians 13:1-3](#).

We are taught by God to love, not by the world.

- Love is not natural it is super-natural.

Concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another, [1st Thessalonians 4:9](#).

The world's counterfeit to love.

- The world counterfeits every good gift that God gives to us, and in the world's economy, lust is substituted for love. True love vs. lust: lust tears down, uses and drains people, whereby, true love, edifies and builds people up.

We can't give away what we don't have!

- We love Him because He first loved us, [1st John 4:19](#). We can better understand this scriptural concept when we think of it this way, (*"He first loved us, so that we can love Him"*). We need first to experience God's love, before we reflect God's love back to Him and then to others.

We were created to love, created in the image of God.

- God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female, [Genesis 1:27](#). We are made in the image of God, (*"in the image of love"*). Therefore, we are meant to love God and others, with the same love that the Father loves us with.

The results of a pure love.

- Perfect love casts out fear, If we abide in God, love will cover a multitude of sins, There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear: because fear hath torment. He that fears is not made perfect in love, [1st John 4:18](#).

Love is a foundational aspect of the gospel, if we have love we have it all!.

Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law, **Romans 13:10**.

The gifts work by love.

- Faith works by love, **Galatians 5:6** ... and Without faith it is impossible to please Him, **Hebrews 11:6**.
- The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, ... **Galatians 5:22**.

Love is a commandment.

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you, **John 15:12**

The first and great commandment: **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, mind and soul. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself**, **Matthew 22:37**.

Nothing can separate us from God's love, that surpasses knowledge.

Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord, **Romans 8:39**.

And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God, **Ephesians 3:19**.

Jesus walked in love, all that He did was out of love.

But He passing through the midst of them went his way, **Luke 4:28-30**.

In this passage; Jesus walked through the midst of his accusers. The men wanting to throw him off a cliff, were so filled with rage, they could not see love, it passed right through them. Also if we are filled with anger, we will not nor cannot fully experience love.

However, know that as with any relationship, they are two way streets.

A man that has friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother, **Proverbs 18:24**.

- Yes, God's love for us is unconditional, There is nothing that we can do to cause Him to stop loving us! However, if we do not know of His love for us and do not have His love working in our lives. All we will have is the world's counterfeit for love and we will be empty and unfulfilled.

Question: So, what are you doing with God's love?

- Are you always taking but never giving, much like the dead sea, that has no outlets. Or are you returning that love, first to God and then to others, and sharing in the Lord's peace and joy, having the fruits of (long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness).

