

Believe the Love!

The message of creation is clear: God loves us! The universe makes absolutely no sense without that realization. The central theme of the Bible is that God created Man, He lost Man but then He spared no effort in sending Jesus to recover His loss because He “so loved the world...”

One reason why God forgives us when we confess our sin is for His sake, according to **Isaiah 43:25!** That is, God so loves us that He forgives us so that with sin out of the way, we are free to exercise our faith and receive His love, which He intensely wants to shower on us!

Psalms 116:15 says, “precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints!” That is, that death, even if it is premature, is the end of a kind of long-distance relationship with us. It is one thing to have a loved one in another continent, it is another thing to have them sitting on the couch next to you! **That’s love!**

Acts 9:4 has Jesus identifying completely with us such that He told Saul that to persecute us is to persecute Him. **Matthew 25:31-46** says as far as God is concerned if you have done it to the least of His children you have done it to Him, good or bad! **That’s love!**

There is a holiness-love connection. Holiness ultimately means to be untouchable by Spiritual, Soulful (mental) or Bodily (physical) sin! **1 Peter 1:15,16** says **be ye holy for I am holy**. God is holy in that sense. To be holy also means to be consecrated for and dedicated to another. God is holy in this sense too! Who is God consecrated for and dedicated to? Us!... Us! Like the Apostle TL Osborn used to say, “Wow! O Boy!” **That’s love!**

So, what is the Holiness-Love connection? That God is so completely dedicated and consecrated to

us that He has no time, thought, attention or place for another! “Wow! O Boy!”

Brace yourself... **did you know that without us the life of the Father would be meaningless** just as is the case with us? Do you think that the Father existed throughout the eons of eternity past long, long, long before He decided to create us? No chance! **The Father created us just as soon as conditions were right!** Just like a young couple who want a child go ahead and have one just as soon as the conditions are right! **That’s love!** We want to be in His presence but likewise He wanted



to be in our presence... like grandkids and grandparents!

Why was Redemption conceived and executed? Obviously as a solution to our lost condition! **But, why were we created in the first place? What was the problem that our creation was the solution to? It was the problem of love!...Love wanting to express Himself! Needing to! El Shaddai “needed” to empty out His milk like a nursing Mother! He needed kin to lavish His love on!**

God is consecrated and dedicated to us because He loves us! God **is** love. The very epitome of love! He is by nature love. We **have** love, so says **Romans 5:5** **but** we go in and out of love too often. God the Father does not just love or have love...He **is** Love. So says **1John 4:7, 8; 16**.

What do we know about the most important and practical attribute of love? **John 3:16** says that God so **loved** the world that He **gave**. The Holy Ghost

through the Apostle Paul expands on this in **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** as follows:

Love is patient, because it is about you not Him!
Love seeks not what's His but what's yours!
Love is not easily provoked; Love is not touchy!
Love thinks no evil of you, only the world of you!
Love rejoices in the truth because it sets you free!
Love bears all of your drama until the very end!
Love believes the best of you, is ever hopeful for you!
Love never fails you: will stick with you like white on rice through thick or thin!
Love will never forsake you or let you down!

A being that is this loving, and then some, has to have an object on which He can lavish His love or He would be "eaten up" with the desire to!!! Hence, we were created! And a home for us called earth was created! Hence the universe was created to properly situate and regulate Earth, our home!
So, accept as actual fact that God loves you in your everyday walk!

Believe that God loves you, then give action to your belief and declare it "in the day of judgment" that is, the hour/moment when the devil attempts to harass you about life's circumstances

So, God loves us! No doubt about it...**the question is: do we believe the Love?** Certainly, according to **1 John 4:16**, we believed God's love enough to get born-again but have, too often, proceeded to live unmindful of God's love decade after decade after decade.

If we really did, "**believe the love**" we wouldn't worry so much! We wouldn't be depressed for more than a second anytime! We wouldn't fret and be anxious about anything! Why? Because we would **know** that the God who flung the universe into existence for us loves us and is handling everything for us!

The issue has been that very few believers are allowing their love to be developed or "**made perfect**" according to **1 John 4:18** so they can develop the kind of boldness necessary to "**believe the love**" in our everyday walk. Too many believers

have allowed the spirit of **fear** to stop them from being "**made perfect in love.**"

The more we "**believe the love**" the more we experience the truth that "**as He is so are we in this world**" (**1John 4:17**) in Victory over the devil. The more we experience the truth that we are "**seated together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**" in Victory! **Ephesians 2:6**. The more we experience the truth that we are "**joint heirs**" with Jesus, **Romans 8:17**, and the truth that the Father loves us exactly like He loves Jesus! **John 17:23**.

You say, "I want to "**believe the love**" in my daily walk, but how do I do so?" Accept as actual fact that God loves you in your everyday walk! Then, give action to your belief and confess it or declare it "**in the day of judgment**" (**1John 4:17**), that is, the hour/moment of reckoning when the devil attempts to harass you about life with depression with the thought "**nobody cares.**" You can confess or declare out loud "**that's a lie devil, Jesus does. He died for me!**" That will save you countless hours of a depressive mood or visits to the therapist! That's Victory we can enjoy when we "**believe the love**"

The more that we **believe His love for us**, the more we will be *enabled* to love Him back and be dedicated and consecrated to Him **AND receive EVERYTHING** He has for us!

The reason anyone has heard the gospel but hasn't received Jesus is because they do not "believe the love" Jesus demonstrated on the cross and do not yet know how much God loves them and is dedicated and consecrated to them!

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