

The Power of LOVE

LOVE for HIS Children **motivated** our **FATHER** into **ACTION** and HE sent HIS SON to pay the penalty for sin and redeem HIS Children.

God so **Loved** . . . that HE **GAVE** HIS only Begotten SON John 3:16

GOD The FATHER **LOVES** His Son JESUS (John 3:35 & 5:20) and JESUS so **LOVES** HIS FATHER that HE GAVE UP EVERYTHING, even HIS LIFE to purchase for God with **His own Blood** (Rev. 5:9) **the children of God.**

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but **with PRECIOUS BLOOD**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, The BLOOD of CHRIST.

And the Price Paid, declares the **VALUE of His Children** and HOW MUCH our FATHER and JESUS **LOVES US**. We are a FAMILY of **LOVE**.

LOVE moved our **FATHER** into **ACTION**

LOVE moved JESUS CHRIST into **ACTION** and gave HIM a **MISSION**

Luke 19:10 . . . **to seek and to save the lost** ->People!

This Mission cost JESUS a GREAT PRICE ! !

And Declares the VALUE of what HE LOVES & Purchased

GOD is LOVE and everything HE / THEY do begins with **LOVE**.

This LOVE **MUST Capture our Hearts** and **Move us** into **Action**.

2 Cor 5:14-15 For **the LOVE of Christ *captures and *compels us**, having concluded this, that **ONE died for all**, therefore **all died**; and He died for all, **so that** they who live might **no longer live for themselves**, but **FOR HIM** who died and rose again on their behalf.

- * συνέχω to hold or arrest (a prisoner) figuratively to compel

- When we **FULLY comprehend** this **LOVE** we will **no longer LIVE FOR OURSELVES, but FOR HIM who died and rose again for us.**
- And we will **LOVE PEOPLE** as HE **LOVED THEM.**
HE gave up EVERYTHING and became a SERVANT Philippians 2
- The More we Understand How Much **HE LOVES US** the More we Will **LOVE HIM.** We **LOVE HIM** because HE First Loved us 1 John 4:19

Only then will The GREAT COMMANDMENT be fully obeyed:

Teacher, which is the **GREAT COMMANDMENT** in the Law? And He said to him, **YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.** This is the **GREAT** and **FOREMOST** commandment. The **second** is like it, **YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.** Matthew 22:36-39

Obeying the GREAT COMMANDMENT will Give You a GREAT COMMISSION like JESUS Had:

1 Timothy 1:5 The goal of our ministry is **LOVE** from a **pure heart** and a **good conscience** and a **sincere faith.**

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us **love one another**, for **love** is from God; and everyone **who loves** is **born of God** and **knows God.** (how much we love others shows us how much we know the heart of our FATHER) 8 The one who **does not love** does **not know God**, for God is love.

Luke 10:1-3 The Lord **appointed seventy others**, (HE has now called and appointed **YOU** as HIS minister) and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come. And He was saying to them, The harvest is plentiful, but **the laborers are few**; therefore **pray** to the Lord of the harvest to **send out laborers** into His harvest. 3 Go . . .

- This is the Passion JESUS has for PEOPLE, motivated by LOVE

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name. 18 And He said to them, I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 Behold, **I have given YOU authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but **rejoice that YOUR NAMES are recorded in heaven.**

25 A certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 He said to him, **What is written in the law?** 27 He answered and said, You shall LOVE the LORD your God with **ALL** your heart, with **ALL** your soul, with **ALL** your strength, and with **ALL** your mind, and your neighbor as yourself. 28 And He said to him, You have answered rightly; **DO THIS** and you will live.

- The only way a person can DO THIS, is with **God who is Love** in their heart and.
- 1 John 4:7-8 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.**

29 **But wanting to justify himself**, he said to Jesus, who is my neighbor?

- How often do we justify our self?? "They said . . ." "He did . .

30 Then Jesus answered and said:

A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among **robbers**, who stripped him of his clothing, beat him, and departed leaving him half dead.

- 1 John 4:7-8 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.**
- The robbers had **no love for people**, therefore **no love for God.**

- **People had no value.** His clothes and money were more valuable than the man himself. This represents most of the people in the world and sadly to say . . . many Christians
- **The robbers need someone to love them** and tell them how much God The FATHER and JESUS Loves them. They need to be born again so that they can come to know The GOD who IS LOVE and How Valuable they are - and how Valuable all people are to The LORD . . . and have their life changed.

31 Now by chance a certain **priest** came down the road. And when he saw him, he **passed by on the other side.** 32 Likewise a **Levite**, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and **passed by on the other side.**

- The priest and the Levite represent many religious leaders and people in the world. They say they love GOD and some say they love people.
- 1 John 4:7-8 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.**
- Many religions of the world say they love God but often **pass by on the other side**, or even worse, treat people as do the robbers.

33 But a certain **Samaritan** (a common ordinary man, not religious) as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, **he had compassion.** 34 So he went to him and **bandaged his wounds**, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, **brought him to an inn**, and **took care of him.** 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out **two denarii**, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, **Take care of him;** and whatever more you spend, when I come again, **I will repay you.** 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?

37 And HE said, He who showed mercy on him. Then Jesus said to him, Go and do likewise

We will fulfill The GREAT COMMISSION only we OBEY THE GREAT COMMANDMENT . . . **Love your neighbor as yourself.**

- 1 John 4:7-8 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.**
- The Samaritan DID NOT PASS HIM BY. The poor beaten man beside the road was more IMPORTANT and More VALUABLE than the Samaritan's mission, schedule, time and money.

JESUS was MOTIVATED AND DRIVEN BY The **POWER OF LOVE.**

HIS life was a DEMONSTRATION and DECLARATION of LOVE
TESTIFYING OF the INCREDIBLE VALUE OF PEOPLE !

Luke 2:49 **Did you not know that I MUST be about My Father's business?** Motivated and driven by LOVE

Luke 4:43 **I MUST preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, because for this purpose I have been sent.** Motivated and driven by LOVE

John 4:4-30 Now **HE had to go through Samaria . . .** LOVE totally changed this woman's life and made her a believer and an evangelist.

John 10:16 **I have other sheep that are not of this sheep fold. I must bring them also.** Motivated and driven by LOVE HE could not Pass them by.

Matthew 4:23 Jesus **was going** throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.
Motivated and driven by LOVE HE could not Pass them by.

Matthew 9:35-38 **Jesus was going** through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. **Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them,** because they were distressed and dejected like **sheep without a shepherd.** Then

He said to His disciples, The **harvest is plentiful**, but **the workers** are **few**. Therefore **pray, cry** to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. Motivated and driven by LOVE

Matthew 15:32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, I feel **compassion for the people**, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way.

HIS LOVE and COMPASSION for People Motivated HIM, Drove HIM into Action -> And gave HIM a Mission: **to seek and to save the lost**.

Luke 8:1-3 **He was going** from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, and also **some women** who had been **healed** of evil spirits and sicknesses: **Mary** who was called **Magdalene**, from whom **seven demons** had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and **many others** who were **giving to their support** out of their private incomes.

- **LOVE totally changed their lives**, healed them and set them FREE. They followed JESUS daily, gave of their time and money.
- When JESUS was crucified Mary Magdalene and other women **were there. Because HE LOVED THEM.** Matthew 27:56
- When Joseph took the Body of JESUS to his tomb and rolled the stone to close the grave . . Mary Magdalene **was there** Mt.27:61
- Mary Magdalene and the other Mary **were there** at **dawn** when the earth quake occurred and an angel rolled the stone away and **appeared to them** and announced HE IS RISEN. As they ran to announce the GOOD NEWS to the disciples **JESUS appeared and spoke to them.** Mt.28:1-10 They **were the first** to see the resurrected LORD.

Jeremiah 29:13-14 You will **seek Me** and **find Me** when you **search for Me** with **ALL YOUR HEART**.

Only LOVE can COMPEL you to search for HIM with all your heart

- They **were the first** missionaries after the resurrection, commissioned with the Good News to tell others. They received this honor because of their Greater Passion and efforts to **always be with The LORD. They LOVED HIM ! WHY??**
- Luke 7:47 **her many sins have been forgiven, therefore she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.**
- The rest of the Disciples were hiding for fear: **perfect love casts out fear . . and the one who fears is not perfected in love.** 1 John 4:18
- The more people **experience LOVE** by **compassion, care, healing** and come to know that for eternal life their sin has been forgiven (2Cor. 5:19) the more they will be transformed as Mary Magdalene and the others were.

LOVE moved them into **ACTION** and gave them a **MISSION**

The Examples Continue:

Luke 19:5-8 JESUS was on a mission **passing through Jericho** LOVE entered and totally changed Zaccheus' life. **Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much. Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

- **Love Never Fails.** Love alone is the only motivation that has the power to **RADICALLY CHANGE PEOPLE'S LIFE.**

1 John 4:7-8 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.**

1 Peter 4:8 **Above all**, stay **fervent in your LOVE for one another**, because **LOVE covers a multitude of sins**.

Matt 18:21-22 Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I **forgive him**? Up to seven times? Jesus said to him . . . **up to seventy times seven**.

Proverb 10:12 Hatred stirs up strife, but **LOVE covers all transgressions**

Proverb 17:9 **He who conceals a transgression seeks LOVE**, but he who **repeats** a matter **separates close friends**.

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus religious works do not mean anything, but **faith working through LOVE**. As Love grows . . Faith grows.

Just For Men

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, **LOVE** your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

Eph 5:28-29 So husbands should **LOVE** their own wives as their own bodies. He who **loves** his own wife **loves** himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh (husband & wife are one flesh) but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it, just as Christ also does the church (literally: called out ones)

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to **LOVE** his own wife even as himself

1 Cor 16:13 Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men (THE MAN CHRIST JESUS) be strong. Let **all that you do** be done in **LOVE**.

Galatians 5:13-15 For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but **through LOVE serve one another**. For the WHOLE LAW is fulfilled in one word, **YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF**. But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

1 Cor 13:13 Now abides faith, hope, love, but **the greatest of these is LOVE**.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and **WALK IN LOVE**, just as Christ also **loved you** and **gave Himself up** for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Hebrews 10:24 let us consider how to **stimulate** one another to **LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS**

The "how to" Love Your Enemies in The Words of JESUS

Matthew 5:39-48 **I say to you, do not RESIST** an evil person; but whoever **SLAPS YOU** on your **right cheek, TURN THE OTHER** to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, **LET HIM HAVE YOUR COAT also**. Whoever **forces you** to go one mile, **GO WITH HIM TWO**. **GIVE** to him who asks of you, and **do not turn away** from him who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, **LOVE YOUR ENEMIES** and **PRAY** for those who **persecute you, so that you may be SONS** (mature ones) of your FATHER who is in heaven; for HE causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For **IF YOU LOVE those who love you, what reward do you have?** Do not even the tax collectors do the same? **THEREFORE YOU ARE TO BE PERFECT** (or complete in mental and moral character) as your Heavenly FATHER is perfect.

1 Cor 13:1-8 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have **LOVE**, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have **LOVE**, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have **LOVE**, it profits me nothing. **LOVE** is patient, **LOVE** is kind and is not jealous; **LOVE** does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked (does not stir up wrong emotions or actions) does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

LOVE NEVER FAILS

Ephesians 3:14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being **rooted and grounded in LOVE**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to **know** the **LOVE** of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you may be filled up to all the fullness of GOD.**

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