

# FEAR NOT

For God hath not given  
us the spirit of **fear**;  
but of **power**, and of  
**love**, and of a **sound**  
**mind**.

2 Timothy 1:7

Transformed by LOVE



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IN A PREVIOUS  
MESSAGE WE TALKED  
ABOUT GOD'S  
ABILITY TO  
TRANSFORM YOU.

02

GOD'S  
TRANSFORMATIONAL  
CHANGE IS ALWAYS  
ONGOING AND IS  
WORKING IN YOU.

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GOD'S SEES,  
KNOWS, AND  
DECLARES THE END  
FROM THE  
BEGINNING.



- God works in three ways to transform us and mold us into the image of Christ.
- He operates through His **FAITH**, His **HOPE**, and His **LOVE**.
  - And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love. 1 Corinthians 13:13
- In our last two messages we focused on **FAITH** and **HOPE**.
- His **FAITH** is the FOUNDATION of all your CONFIDENCE.
- His **HOPE** for you is higher than anyone else's.
- In this message we will focus on His undying **LOVE**.

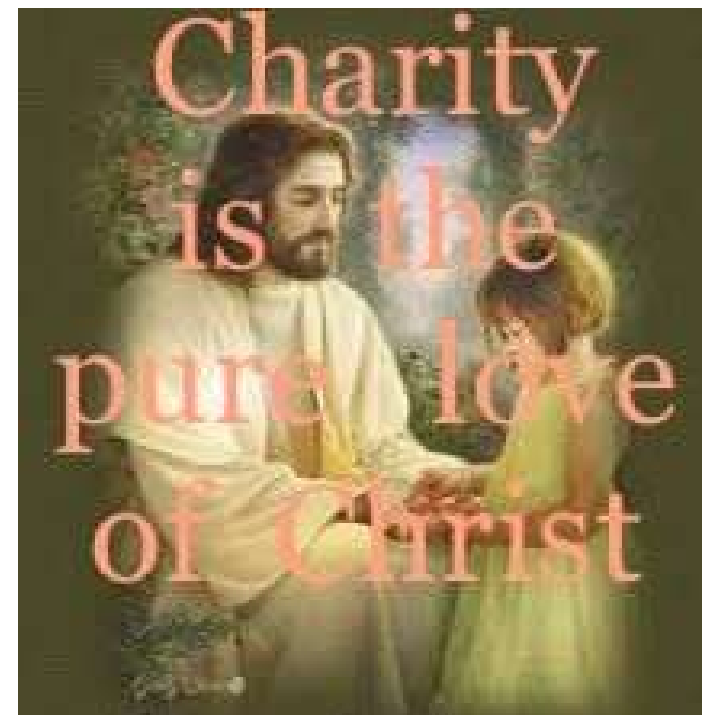
- The Old Testament words for “LOVE” mean “to have affection for, to cling to, to be attached to, to long for”.
- There are three different GREEK or New Testament words for Love.
- **EROS** – the love between a man and a woman.
- **PHILOS** – the dear love or fondness of friends.
- **AGAPE** – the unconditional love of God for His creation.



# This Person is JESUS!

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- LOVE is a PERSON, who is vividly described in 1 Corinthians 3:4-8
- The word, “charity” is “love”.
  - Charity suffereth long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
  - Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
  - Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
  - Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
  - Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

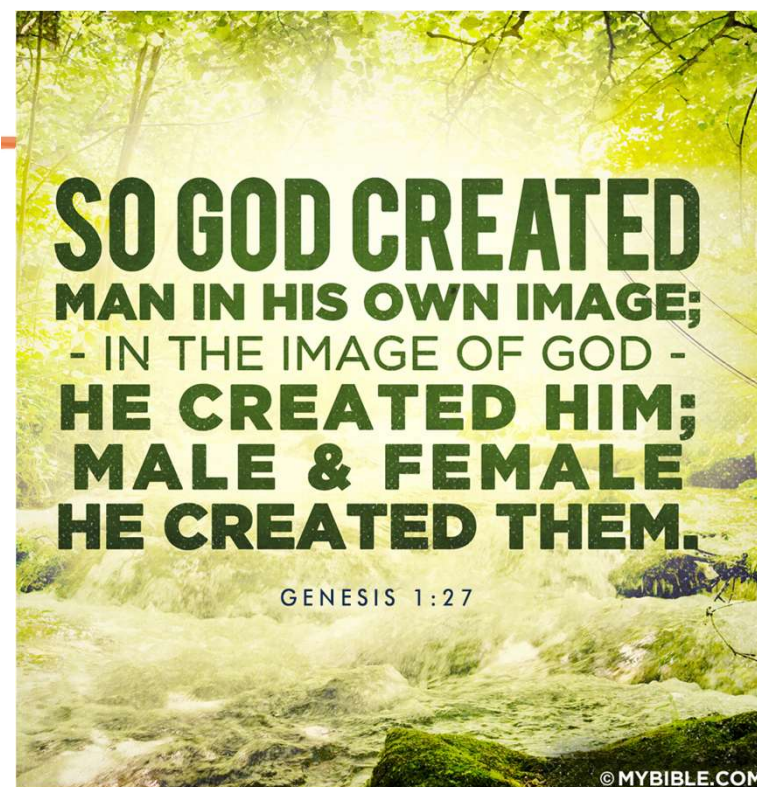


# The Love of Jesus

JOHN 12:24-25

- Insert the name of JESUS in the place of the word, LOVE, in these verses and you will understand more than ever who and what love really is.
  - **JESUS** suffereth long, *and* **JESUS** is kind; **JESUS** envieth not; **JESUS** vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
  - **JESUS** Doth not behave unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
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- Verse 13 says, “And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.” 1 Corinthians 3:13
- A **man and woman** in right and proper married relationship with one another together reveal the image of God.
- God is a Spirit.
  - God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. John 4:24
- **God is neither male nor female. God is a Spirit.** Yet both Adam and Eve were created in His image and likeness.
  - And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.
  - So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; **male and female created he them.**
  - And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 1:26-28



- God is LOVE.
  - 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.
  - 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. 1 John 4:8,16
- Since God is love, there must be a male and a female aspect to His love.
- **Both the father and the mother** need to demonstrate both aspects of this God kind of love.



- Mothers and fathers are uniquely gifted to love their children differently.
  - A mother's love is an **unconditional love**.
  - A father's love is a **firm, earned respect**.
- With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love. Ephesians 4:2
- If a child accidentally breaks something, mother will understand. No matter how badly the child may look or act, the Mother usually will always love the child.
- This is a picture of unconditional love.
- There is usually nothing the child can do or not do to separate the mother's love for her child.



- If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
- But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
- Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? Hebrews 12:7-9
- Dad will understand the child's mistake and also loves his son unconditionally, but a father's love will also help the child to be responsible for his actions.
- The child must pay for the item he broke.
- It is important for Dad and Mom to not let their child make a wrong decision from wanting their own way.



# **KIDS NEED** ***BOTH PARENTS!***

- Every child needs BOTH mother's unconditional love and father's firm love.
- Children need to know they are loved no matter what they do or say, but also that there are boundaries and guidelines and that they are accountable, held responsible for their words and actions.
- Many have grown up without know the love of a real father.
- Others have never known their father or their mother.
- I am so sorry about that.
- It is so wonderful that JESUS gave a special promise for you.
  - For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Matthew 12:50

- Sometimes when children grow up and are in their young adult years, older adults may not understand decisions and callings that God puts on their life.
- We may often feel closer to our brothers and sisters in Christ than to our own relatives.
- If you have never felt the loving embrace of a real father or mother, God will make that up to you by bringing members of HIS family into your life to bless and to strengthen you.



- Love covers because LOVE FORGIVES.
- Everybody needs to receive love, and everybody needs to give love because everybody makes mistakes.
- We have all made many mistakes in life.
  - And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
- The word for “cover” means “to cover up, to hide, to veil”.
  - Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, whose sin *is* covered. Psalms 32:1
- This means the RECORD of wrongdoing has been cleared.



- Love forgives mistakes.
- We must learn to forgive everybody for everything (FEFE).
- Forgiveness does not mean condoning or accepting. For example, if you were abused, it is important to forgive, but to also set boundaries.
- Jesus taught us about forgiveness in His famous prayer.
  - And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Matthew 6:12
- The Apostle Paul said basically the same thing to the Ephesians.
  - And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32



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Pastor on how to  
forgive anyone  
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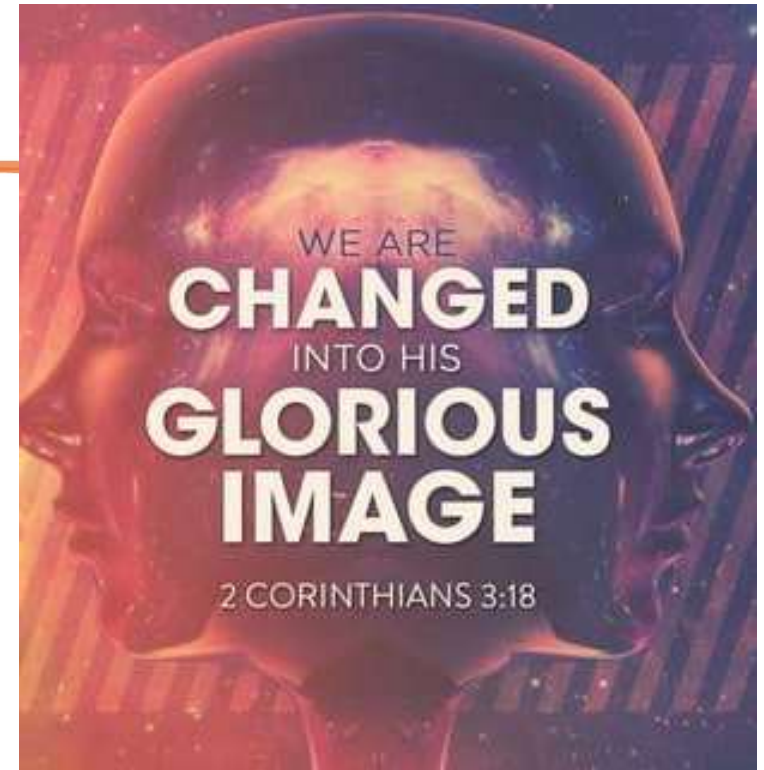
- We must be quick to forgive others, always.
- This may be the greatest lesson we learn in our journey.
- The love walk or the lifestyle of love is to love God and to love people.
  - Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
  - This is the first and great commandment.
  - And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:37-39



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- Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” John 13:34-35
  - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.
  - 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**
  - We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4:7,18-19
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John 13:34

- The love of God is a PERSON.
- God's faith, God's hope, and God's love are changing us day by day into the image and the likeness of Christ.
  - But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed **into the same image** from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18
- The undying love that covers every mistake is a PERSON, and His name is JESUS.



- The Bible declares that God is love.
  - He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
  - 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. 1 John 4:8,16
- The apostle Paul added that He is “the God of love.”
  - Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 2 Corinthians 13:11



- You do not need to be afraid of your present or your future.
- All you need is the love of God.
- You need to know that he loves you and he has given you the ability, the privilege, and the responsibility to love others.
- Love is what life is all about.
- **Love God.**
- Serve God by loving others.



## Self-Reflective Indicators of Spiritual Strength

As you look at your life, what are some of the ways that God has sown His great love toward you?

What are some ways in which you can demonstrate and express the love of God to other people?

Have you ever inserted your name into the definition of love as we have learned in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8? You should try it!

# Worship with Me – The Love of God!



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