

The Love of God 4 – 08/24/11

WALKING IN GOD'S LOVE TOWARD OTHERS

Galatians 5:6 - For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only *faith activated and energized and expressed and working through love*.

Romans 13:8-10 - Owe no one anything except to love one another, for *he who loves another has fulfilled the law*. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore *love is the fulfillment of the law*.

Jesus taught of a new kind of love.

Matthew 5:43-44 - You have heard that it has been said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." 44 But I say unto you, "Love your enemies, bless or speak well of them that curse or speak evil of you, do good to them who hate you and pray for them which despitefully use and persecute you.

People are asking God to send or give them this ability to love.

Yet, we are told in Scripture that this love already is "In Us."

Romans 5:5 - The Love of God "has been" poured forth in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us.

God's love is already in us; IT MUST BE YIELDED TO!

The "Faith" and "Love" connection in Scripture is significant.

I Thessalonians 1:3 - Remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love.

I Thessalonians 3:6 - But now when Timothy came from you unto us and brought us good tidings of your faith and love

I Thessalonians 5:8 - but let us who are of the day, be sober putting on the breastplate of faith and love

I Timothy 1:14 - And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 1:13 - Hold fast the form of sound words, which you have heard of me, in faith and love, which is in Christ Jesus.

Philemon: 5 - Hearing of your love and faith, which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all saints.

II Thessalonians 1:3-4 - We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

The Every Day Impact of the Love Walk

God's grace has delivered us from "Dead Works," not "Good Works."

II Timothy 2:22-26 - Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel and strive; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 25 Those who oppose themselves he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and that they will come to their senses and escape from ***the trap of the devil***, who has ***taken them captive to do his will***.

The price is too high to stay outside the love realm.

I John 3:18-23 - My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. 19 And by this (*walking in love*) we know that we are of the truth, and shall ***assure or persuade our hearts before Him***. 20 For if our heart condemns us (*or lacks assurance or persuasion*), God is greater than our heart, and knows all things. 21 Beloved, if our ***heart does not condemn us, then*** we have confidence, assurance or persuasion toward God. 22 And whatever we ask we receive from Him, ***because*** we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. 23 And this is His commandment: that we should ***believe*** or have ***faith*** on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and ***love one another***, as He gave us commandment.

Walking in Love provides "Heart Assurance" before God

I John 5:14-15 - Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we ***know that He hears us***, whatever we ask, ***we know that we have*** the petitions that we have asked of Him.

It is a fully persuaded heart of faith, rooted and grounded in God's love toward them and through them to others, that provides the knowledge that "He Hears Us"!

I Peter 3:7-12 - Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that ***your prayers may not be hindered***. 8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were ***called to this, that you may inherit a blessing***. 10 For "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 12 For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and ***His ears are open to their prayers***; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

His ears are open to "their cry"—those who walk in Love.