

The Power Of Love

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Scripture: Romans 5:1-8

- 1. Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**
- 2. By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**
- 3. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;**
- 4. And patience, experience; and experience, hope:**
- 5. And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.**
- 6. For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.**
- 7. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.**
- 8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Summary: The power of the love of God.

I. What To Do With This Love.

1. We are become rooted and grounded in the love of God.

This will enable us to walk in it - Eph. 3:17-19; 5:1-2.

Eph. 3:17-19

17. That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18. May be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19. And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Eph. 5:1-2

1. Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

2. This is the "AGAPE" or the God kind of love.

It is distinguished from any type of human love and is much more powerful.

II. The Power Of This Love.

1. Love covers ALL SINS - Proverbs 10:12 (1 Pet. 4:8); Proverbs 17:9.

Proverbs 10:12

12. Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

Proverbs 17:9.

9. He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth *very* friends.

1 Pet. 4:8

8. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

2. Love CONQUERS sin - Romans 13:8-10; 1 John 2:10.

Romans 13:8-10

8. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

9. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

1 John 2:10

10. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

3. Love makes FAITH WORK - Gal. 5:6; Mark 11:22-26; 1 Cor. 13:2.

Gal. 5:6

6. For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

Mark 11:22-26

22. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

24. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.

25. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

1 Cor. 13:2

2. And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all

mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

4. Love gives us POWER in prayer - 1 John 3:22-23.

1 John 3:22-23

22. And whatsoever we ask, we receive of 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 on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

5. Love DESTROYS Fear - 1 John 4:18; 1 Tim. 1:7.

1 John 4:18

18. 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 Tim. 1:7

7. Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.

6. Love NEVER fails. It overcomes all circumstances - 1 Cor. 13:8; Song of Solomon 8:7.

1 Cor. 13:8

8. 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.

Song of Solomon 8:7

7. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it: if *a* man would give all the substance of his house for love, it would utterly be contemned.

7. Love BUILDS UP the Believer - 1 Cor. 8:1.

1 Cor. 8:1

1. Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

III. Summary.

1. There is one simple way to have God's love and that is to be born again - 1 John 4:7.

7. Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.