

## Bible Study

# The Love of God

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HELLO,  
CHILDREN!

Hello, children! I trust you are ready for this Bible study.

First, let me ask you a few questions. Are you glad there is somebody who loves you? Are you glad that you are not

all alone in this world but have your mommies and daddies, siblings and friends who love you? But above all, does it make you happy to know that God loves you even in those times when you are not loveable? Let us look together into the Word of God and see for ourselves what this love of God actually is.

The Bible says in John 4:16, *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.* One of the things this verse tells us is that God is love. It means that when somebody asks you Who this God is that you believe in, this Maker of the whole universe, the best answer you can give them is that God is love. In addition to knowing that God is love we also know that God is

life (John 14:6) and that God is light (I John 1:5). When this life and this light come into you, it drives away all darkness, all death. It is a great energy that we can hardly understand; and this energy is God, this energy is Love.

Now, we know that God created us in His image. For example, we can see because God can see; we can hear because God can hear; we can think; we can do many other things; and we can also love. As a matter of fact, man is the only creature out of all God's creation that is able to love. Your dog or cat may be cute and they may like to be around you if you are nice to them, but it does not mean they love you. A human being is the only being that can love.

In order for us to understand this love of God, God has had to give each one of us an experience of a tiny bit of love - so He gave us a family. Your mommy gets up every morning and takes care of you. Your daddy goes to work every day to earn money so that you have food on your table, clothes to wear and a roof over your head. They hold you close, comfort you when you are sad, or chastise you when you need help with your attitudes. They do it all because they love you. And you love them. Or, you love

your friends, because they are fun to be with. But this is still just the lowest level of love. God says that we must add His love to this natural love that we have (II Peter 1:7).

The love of God is pure and has no shadow. Let me tell you what I mean by sharing with you what the opposite of love is: it is **HATE**. Hate is a strong word, isn't it? When I hate somebody, I really don't like to be around them and I do not wish them much good, if any. Some people even kill other people because they hate them. However, in between love and such strong hate there are many shadows. For example, I am upset with my sister, because she broke my crayons. Or, I want my brother to just get out of here because he fought with me and now I have to stay home and cannot go play outside. One thing we have to know, though, is that everything that departs from the light and is even only a small shadow is actually hate.

God wants us to abide in His love. He said that *he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him*. The reason you get upset or sad when somebody bothers you, does something unpleasant to you, or says something that upsets you is because of the lack of love. If you have the love of God in you, it will work as a force and lift you up above the human dimension. This love will cancel out hate. For example, somebody does not like you. They do not wish you much good. But when you are around them, you just love them. The radiation of the love of God through you will help them to be at peace. Remember, love is energy, it is a power that brings change.

Some people believe that love is passive, that you can just say, "I love you," and that's it. But love is not passive. Love is a life force, it is a power. I am sure we all know

testimonies of people who did much wrong in their lives. Many of them were put in prisons for their wrong. Nobody had hope for them any more. Yet, this energy, this love, came into their lives and totally and absolutely transformed them. Then, they did not desire to do wrong any more, they just wanted to bless others. This is what the love of God does to us - accepts us, changes us, gives us power to live above the sin realm and desires to flow through us to change the lives of others.

God wants us to love Him. The only way we can do so is to believe that He first loved us. The Bible says that *we love him, because he first loved us* (I John 4:19). Ask God to reveal to you how much He loves you. Try to think about what He has done for you. John 3:16 says, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life*. Isn't it interesting that God had to give His Own Self so that we would have the ability to comprehend how much He loves us? Maybe you children do not really understand how wicked a human heart is. You have not known the depth of human wickedness and so it might be a little difficult for you to

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But pray that God would give you understanding and He will. And because He knew our great need, He gave us His most precious thing - His only

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Son - and thus demonstrated His love for us.

Let us look in to Luke 10:25-28, *And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? <sup>26</sup>He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? <sup>27</sup>And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. <sup>28</sup>And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live.* In

order for us to love one another, we must first love God. I cannot love you without having a relationship with Jesus Christ and without loving Him. But it says that I have to love Him with **ALL** my heart, with **ALL** my soul, with **ALL** my strength, and with **ALL** my mind. It basically means that I have to love God with everything that is in me. How do we do that? **By keeping Him as the primary focus in our lives.**

The Bible tells us that we love God when we keep His commandments (John 14:15). It also tells us that His commandments are not grievous or difficult (I John 5:3). We just need to have the Word of God in us so that we can be changed, because it is the Word of God that washes us and changes us. Read the Bible, think about what you read and you will find out that the love of God will pour into your heart.

King David was a man after God's own heart. Even though he had many problems, he spent all his days and nights meditating on the Word of God and it made him, in

God's eyes, the man that he was. David had a relationship with God and so ought we. He not only knew God's love but also loved God in return by walking with Him and talking with Him.

When we love God, then it is not difficult to love others, whether they like us or not, because we know that God loves them and desires to lift them up closer to Himself. Sometimes you may just say, "Hi, it is so good to see you!" and it is the voice of God. The love of God just comes out of you and blesses the other individual. Sometimes you may just hug somebody and they are immediately lifted up from being down because the love of God touched them. You are the conduit of God's love, this great life, energy, and power.

Learn to love God and ask Him to teach you to love others. Do you know that you cannot be mad with the people you love? You cannot be upset with your brother or sister if you love them. You will be sad when you see them do wrong, even when they do it against you. You will pray for them, you will send God's energy to them, and you will just love them no matter what. Many times we allow people's wrong deeds to affect us and we hold it in our heart against them. But *love thinketh no evil*, I Corinthians 13:5 says. You cannot think evil about those that you love.

Children, God is presenting you with a great challenge - to love Him and to love other people. Will you accept the challenge? Will you learn to love as He loves? Tell Him you want to do that and He will faithfully teach you every day in every step you take. May you be blessed in meditating upon the love of God!

