

Living Life in the Power of the Holy Spirit – Handout # 3

Love

John 13:34,35 – A new commandment Jesus gave: That you love one another as I have loved you.

This love is (in the Greek) Agape. This is the highest form of love; above erotic love, or even brotherly love. It is love that is by divine grace, an element of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) We can only love perfectly this way by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus commanded and then gave us the wherewithal to succeed in doing his command. Love one another as I have loved you.

John 15:13 – Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. This is the sacrificial love Jesus has for us and that we should have for one another. There is no other virtue in the Word that God is identified with: I John 4:8 – He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE. Its very clear; if we don't love, then we don't know God, we don't have God, we are not in God and God is not in us. This love is a selfless love and quite onesided in that one loves because you decided to love and not because of the attributes, qualities, possessions of, or mutually affection of another. Your loving that person is not dependent on their loving you. AGAPE! By the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read: I John 2:9-17; 3:10-13; 4:7-21

Not loving or hating is of darkness, the devil, death – DDD

Romans 13:8-10 Love is so powerful and effective that it is the fulfilling of the law (of Moses) Gal. 5:13, 14.

Ephesians 3:16-19 –As we are rooted and grounded in love (God's love) we know experientially the vastness of the love of Christ and are thus filled with the fullness of God. NIV says that we may be filled up to the measure of all the fullness of God. Living bible says So at last you will be filled up with God Himself.

Declarations of God's Love for us:

John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Eph. 2:4 (Eph. 2:1-10)

He has put the experience and revelation of His love in us:

Rom. 5:5

He has poured out His love in our hearts by the Holy Ghost