

THE START AND THE BUILDING OF GOD'S CHURCH 4 10/7/22

*Once filled with the Holy Spirit we need to make the second greatest choice of our lives. We need to be just as diligent in prayer and action to stay saved as we did to get saved. Then comes our **third** responsibility... to restore where possible those who have failed to build themselves up and continue on with their salvation in the way that God has made available. These 3 actions lead us to understand the principle that supports them all... the **Love** of God.*

Love is the most desired and yet illusive dream on the planet... the reason is simple:

most people don't know what it looks like,

can't always identify it when it comes,

and don't know how to keep it when they actually get it.

This is the same as the summary of God's salvation... which is God's **love** for us.

The Love Of God is much more than a warm fuzzy feeling.

A summary of God's purpose for the earth... MAT 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt **love** (serve) the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment. **39** And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt **love** (serve) thy neighbour as thyself. **40** On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

God's love is an action... not just an emotional appreciation. To love someone in the way that God requires, means to meet and serve their spiritual needs.

God so loved the world... JOH 3:16 For God so **loved** (served) the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent **not** his Son into the world to **condemn the world**; but that the world through him **might be saved**. *Godly service is the sole action that guarantees all people the ability to overcome this world, through the power of God's Spirit.*

Simple summary of the actions that provide the power and identity of those who are going to be saved.

The first talk was built and expanded on the following principle.

Salvation... 2THE 2:10 ...And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love** (a desire to serve) **of the truth, that they might be saved**. Always comparing scripture with scripture and our own actions. You cannot do what you don't know, but you need to know firstly that a love of all things spiritual is essential.

The second principle is to grow in strength, but includes the same disciplines and commitment.

Building ourselves up... ROM 5:5 And hope maketh **not ashamed** (afraid); because the **love** (a desire to serve) of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the **Holy Ghost which is given unto us**. All of us have talents. If we love God his way, then we serve people his way.

The third principle sees us transferring our skills and blessings towards the needs of others... the same service that brought us to where we are now.

The maintenance and restoration of God's people... 1PET 1:22 Seeing ye have **purified your souls in obeying the truth** through the Spirit unto unfeigned **love** (a desire to serve) of the brethren, see that ye **love** (serve) **one another with a pure heart fervently**:

One of the greatest revelations we will understand comes from realising the effective and unlimited nature of all the above blessings.

The Holy Spirit performs all three of the above responsibilities required from us... JOH 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, **he will guide you into all truth**: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. **14** He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall **shew it unto you**. Everything offered to us is to be also offered into the world... We are called to represent God with the same love that he offers us.

God's love clears our mind from the many misunderstandings that so many people face in their Christian lives.

That you might be able the comprehend... EPH 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his **Spirit** in the inner man (by the holy spirit in us); **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. To fully know the extent of the service we can offer towards the knowledge and blessings of God.

Love is a fruit of the spirit... thus if the salvation message is misunderstood the balance of everything else above, will be misunderstood as well.

GAL 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit (of doing God's will) is **love**, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law... there will never be any judgment against those exercising these principles.

Get saved... stay saved... assist others to do the same. **Love** everything about it!