



Hello again from Quarantine! Good day to you, and I pray it's a good one for everyone.

Today's devotion deals with the topic of the Love of God.

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

When we begin talking about "manifested" it just means it's being revealed, it's an outward expression of something that is already there. God loved us, and He expressed it by sending His son.

God continues to express His love, not only through Christ, which is indeed a gift that keeps giving, but then by His Spirit. That seed that is planted in the lives of His people, is continually there for guidance. God's desire to walk with us is a beautiful expression of His love. His faithfulness to keep His covenants, is another expression of His love and no doubt the depth of His integrity.

God's Love abounds. It's unquestionable. How do we "manifest" our love toward Him? What is your expression of Love towards God? That question is asked for self reflection and nothing else. Our Love for God is revealed in different ways. When we receive God's love and it's made perfect in us, it's been responded to. "If you Love me .... Obey my commandments". God's telling us His love language. He basically says, if you love me -- then show me in this way.

How do we reveal to those around us that the Love of God is in us? It's a question that is plainly answered in the scriptures. "This is how they will know that you follow in the teachings of Christ, that you have Love one for another". Scriptures elsewhere tell us, that we may have a lot of traits, but if we have all of these wonderful traits and we don't have love, then we are empty.

Sometimes what we think is an expression of love, and what God is looking for is two different things. Attending Church sometimes, for some is an expression of Love. Others, it's because they

say a word of prayer before a fat cheeseburger. And neither are bad things, but is this alone a fully developed love relationship with God? Seeking the relationship with God on His ground is where growth will be developed in our life. It's where the continual transformation takes place. The more time we spend in His presence the better off we are, and the more obvious it will be.

We can certainly bare the fruit of the Love that He manifested to us! But we have to yield ourselves to His Spirit, and then to his ways.

God we Love you -- and we want that to be expressed in more than just words. AMEN

God bless - Pastor

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

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. — Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. — He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. — In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. — That in the ages to come he might shew the ex-ceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

I JOHN 4:7. Rom. 5:5. Rom. 8:15,16. I John 5:10. I John 4:9. Eph. 1:7. Eph. 2:7. I John 4:11.