



Scripture

- 1 John 2:3-6
- 1 John 3:10-11, 14, 16, 18,
- 1 John 4:7-8, 11-13, 16-17, 21
- 1 John 5:2-3

Key Thoughts

BEING READY OR BEING MADE READY, MEANS BEING ABLE TO BE THE DEMONSTRATION OF TRUTH and this starts at LOVE being perfected in us!

SO WHY IS THE FORMATION AND THE DEMONSTRATION OF THIS FRUIT IN AND THROUGH OUR LIVES TO WHICH LOVE IS THE GREATEST SO IMPORTANT?

A: Because it is THE defining feature of the bride!

WHEN THE DEMONSTRATION OF LOVE BECOMES THE STANDARD EVERYTHING CHANGES!

John 15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

Questions

1. Why is love the greatest attribute above all else from God's perspective?
2. From the scriptures Greg shared loving God's people is a major priority of God's, in fact scripture says if we don't then we have to ask ourselves are we in fact disciples of Jesus. Why is this the case?
3. Why does God put such a greater priority on loving our fellow brothers and sisters?
4. What does this loving our fellow brothers and sisters look like in action?
5. Love and Submission are 2 key essential attributes that are to be present in all of these environments (our personal relationship with Christ, our marriage, our group of 6-12 people we walk with, our wider community - the rock, the wider body of Christ). Why is it vital that love and submission are present in all these environments?

1 John 2:3-6

³ We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands.⁴ Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. ⁵ But if anyone obeys his word, love for God^[a] is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: ⁶ Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

1 John 3:10-11,14,16,18

¹⁰ This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister.

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.

¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

1 John 5:2-3

² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,