

LOVE

Theme: Love 23

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Love releases us from religion.

Key Scripture: *John 8:36 "so if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."*

Read: Religion immunises us to Relationship. Jesus came to set the Israelites free from being entangled in their own religion. They had created their own version of truth called the Talmud (their own traditions) and they taught these as doctrines. Jesus said the things you teach as doctrines are the precepts of men. In other words, what you teach as truth is not.

They also taught the Torah or the law from the place of the flesh and the combination of these 2 realities had a good number of the Jewish leaders and followers firmly entangled in religion. Jesus was the fulfilment and the physical manifestation of the Law and the Prophets, and the Jewish people, both leadership and followers, should have recognised their Messiah, but instead they rejected Him.

Right here is where we need to realise that we can be exactly the same as those who have gone before us. We too can create our own version of truth from our own understanding and teach this as doctrine, when it is in fact human demonic wisdom.

Love, Jesus Christ, sets you free from religion and all its trappings, when you receive a revelation of love and ongoing revelations of love within you. The key is a revelation of love within, which starts an entirely transformative process of receiving a brand new life.

Just because one says they love God as we have mentioned and does so called works for God, doesn't mean one is actually set free from religion. One can say they love God and do works for God and be firmly entrenched in religion today. Of course no one thinks this is them at all.

Religion doesn't produce the fruit of the Spirit. Only a maturing, growing relationship with Christ called fellowship produces the fruit of the Spirit. This is how we can know if we are stuck in religion or not. Do we actually have the Fruit of God's Spirit being formed and established within us? Do we find ourselves having the Be-attitudes of the Kingdom of God being formed and established within us? Are we living from the mind of Christ?

This is how one discerns if they are entangled in religion or firmly anchored and established in a maturing relationship called fellowship with God and others. Jesus, who is Love, came to earth to release mankind from the bondage of himself. As we are released from the bondage of self we are set free from religion and all of its tentacles that have their hooks in us. We are free to love as Jesus loved and walk in the manner in which He walked.

Ask yourself today. Are you stuck in religion thinking you are in a relationship with Jesus? Do you have the evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit being formed within you, proving you are His disciple?

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

Do you have the kingdom attitudes that were in Christ being formed and established within you? Are you living from having His mind established as your thinking?

All this is the evidence that Love has released you from religion and you are firmly growing and maturing as His disciple.

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John 8:31-32 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

Questions:

1. Describe to the group your experience/s of the Father's love.
2. Describe to the group the tangible reality of being made free in Christ?
3. Describe what it is like to have the fruit of the Spirit being formed and established within you and how this is enabling you to live Christ like?
4. Describe what it is like to have the kingdom Be-attitudes being formed and established within you and how this is enabling you to live Christ like?
5. What conclusions are you or have you come to in relation to this resource?

Action: What is one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?