

LOVE

Theme: Love 27

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

Key Truth: Receiving and Being perfected in Love.

Key Scripture: *1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.*

Read: If there is one thing I hear a lot of in His body which is correct, is that God loves us. God doesn't just love us but He loves all of mankind, even those who were and are predestined to not know God. As much as God loving us is awesome, there is a much deeper and greater reality we as His church must receive and come into, if we are to experience the fullness of the purpose of God's love.

This purpose is broken into 2 parts. Firstly we must receive His Love and not just know intellectually He loves us and secondly we must be being perfected in His love, if we are to live lives of Love. As followers of Jesus our full time job or purpose is to love people for a living with the love of Heaven.

What does it mean to be perfected in Love?

How does one be perfected in Love?

These are 2 questions we must all ask ourselves and wrestle and contend with God for, if we are to experience and know the life changing reality that exists in Love.

Q: What does it mean to be perfected in Love?

Being perfected in love means to be having God's divine eternal nature being formed and established in the depths of our inner most being. The hidden place of our very spirit and soul, where the control system or the epicentre of our very lives has its existence. At the core of who we are we have God's divine nature being perfected in us, changing us from the inside out through Love's power and enabling us to release His incredible love from the deep recesses of our very being.

Q: How does one be perfected in Love?

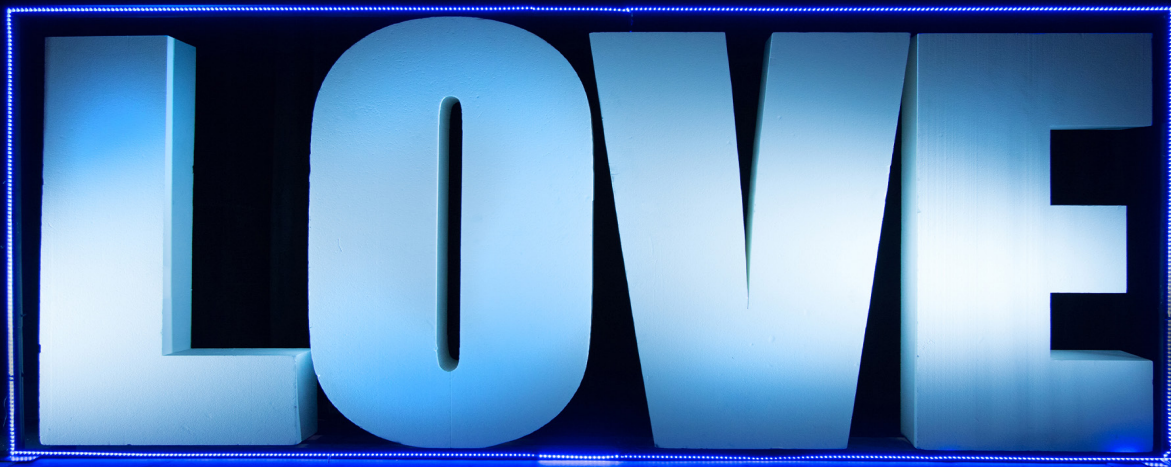
For one to be perfected in Love one must have fully relinquished the old control centre and be fully surrendered and submitted to the One of Love. Being committed is not enough. One must be completely surrendered. When one has come to this point, then one is ready to abide in Love and remain in Love.

1 John 4:16-17 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.

As we keep His Word the bible says the Love of God has truly been perfected in us. Keeping His Word firstly has nothing to do with doing functional works for God as the rich young ruler did. Keeping God's Word firstly is all about BELIEVING in Jesus Christ and in the Words He spoke which are Spirit and Life. The first work of God which is in absolute correlation to keeping His Word, starts at BELIEVING in Jesus. Before we even believe His Words we must Believe in Him.

This is why Jesus asked His disciples who He was and who people said He was. Believing in Christ is not having a mental and verbal agreement of who Christ is. This was the disciples position in the gospels, outside of Peter. Andrew told Peter He had found the Messiah and then in the next breath was part of the crew who were asking "who is this?" Believing in Christ is carrying a full convictional reality of who Jesus Christ is which is attained through a powerful revelation by the Spirit. This is

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the starting point to being perfected in Love by the keeping of the Word of Christ through our abiding in Him.

Questions:

1. From what has been declared what has apprehended and arrested you?
2. How does one know if they are being perfected in Love?
3. Why is being perfected in Love so much more powerful than knowing God loves us?
4. How are we keeping His Word?
5. What is the evidence of keeping His Word through abiding in Christ?

Action: What are you being made aware of through this resource and is there one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?