

THE LOVE OF GOD—A POWERFUL FORCE

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DAY 1 – RENEW YOUR MIND TO THE LOVE OF GOD

God doesn't just have love, He *IS* Love. God has Names, and one of His Names is *Love*. God is all of the fruit of the spirit. We are commanded to know and believe the love of God for us.

STUDY IT

- I. God doesn't just have love, He *IS* Love.
 - The book of 1 John reveals to us that God doesn't just *have* love, He *is* Love. God has faith, yet He *is* Love.
 - Meditate on this truth until your mind is convinced that God *is* Love (Romans 12:2).
 - A person who doesn't love, doesn't know God, for God *is* Love (1 John 4:8).
 - English-speaking people "love" everything. Reverence for God has been lost by using the word *love* so loosely.
 - Use the word *love* for whom it is intended—God and those whom He loves.
 - Use the words *enjoy* or *like* for clothes, food or other objects that bring pleasure. First Timothy 6:17 tells us God gives us all things to enjoy.

- II. God has Names, and one of His Names is *Love*.
 - The word *God* is from German theology, and it means "good."
 - God's Name, Jehovah, is an *Englishized* word for God's holy Hebrew Name. It is spelled "Yod-hey-vav-hey." The actual pronunciation is unknown, and the Jews believe it should not be said aloud. It is holy—it is THE NAME!
 - Another Name of God is Jehovah Rapha, which means "The LORD our Healer."
 - If divine healing had passed away, God would have had to change His Name. That's not going to happen!

- III. God *is* all of the fruit of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - The fruit of the spirit—love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance—are attributes of God, and they mirror how He lives.
 - We enjoy things, but we reserve our expression of love for the things that God loves.
 - First of all, we love God.
 - Brother Copeland recounts an experience when Gloria said, "I *am* going to be a blessing to you today."
 - Another time Gloria told Kenneth, "I find no fault in you."



- Those words went into Brother Copeland's spirit, took all the anger out of him, and changed his love-life forever.
- To love God and to renew your mind requires a decision. You must correct yourself.

IV. We are commanded to know and believe the love of God for us.

- We can know and believe that God loves us and He has purchased the best for us.
- If we dwell in love, we dwell in God, and God dwells in us.
- In the beginning, Love created the heaven and the earth (Genesis1:1).
- In the beginning was The WORD. The WORD was with God who is Love (John 1:1).
- We have known and believed the love. Every born-again human being has had that moment of knowing Jesus by the Holy Spirit. It happens at the moment we are born again, and many times thereafter.
- However, most born-again, Holy Spirit-baptized, healed, believing, tongue-talking, faith-walking Christians don't believe that God really loves them.
 - They mentally assent, but they don't put their faith in God who is Love.

Additional scriptures: 1 John 4:16; Nehemiah 8:10; Luke 6:45

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Spend at least five minutes each day meditating on how much God loves you. As you do, expect The LORD to speak to your spirit and impart His love to you in a greater way.

Write down new revelation and understanding that comes to you during this special time.



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DAY 2 - HAVE FAITH IN THE LOVE OF GOD

God is Love, and we have the opportunity to know and believe His love. Begin to love in obedience to God's WORD. When you pray, love and faith need to move freely, so be sure you have forgiven everyone.

STUDY IT

- I. *God is Love*, and we have the opportunity to know and believe His love (1 John 4:8, 16).
 - When we heard God's WORD, faith came (Romans 10:17).
 - We have known and experienced an intimacy with God.
 - The Holy Spirit came and hovered over Mary, and she conceived a holy thing, the Son of God (Luke 1:35).
 - The WORD of God was the seed that grew into a Man.
 - God's WORD took upon itself flesh in the form of Jesus, and lived among men (John 1:14).
 - The sower sowed The WORD (Mark 4:14).
 - We were born again of seed that cannot be corrupted—the same seed that brought Jesus into this world (1 Peter 1:23).
 - Jesus was born from above, and we're born from above.
 - The same Holy Spirit hovered over your spirit, and a new creature was born.
 - The moment you were born again was an intimate moment between you, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
 - In that moment, you were made the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- II. We have known and believed God's love.
 - Many people don't believe God loves them. Even Christians often don't really believe.
 - Instead of belief, they have mental assent.
 - Ask yourself: How much faith are you putting in God's love for you? Have faith in God who is Love (Mark 11:22).
 - Jesus' disciples had trouble believing He loved them (Mark 4:38).
 - The storm caused the boat to begin filling with water.
 - What did the disciples say? "Don't You care that we're dying?" How dare they say that to Jesus? They didn't know who Jesus was.



- We know who Jesus is, yet we don't fully trust His love for us.
- God's not going to retaliate against you for your unbelief. But, the devil will hear you and use that open door of unbelief to tear up your life.
- When you don't *feel* God's love, that's when you should announce your faith, and rebuke the devil and his work against you.
- Tell your body to get in line with God's WORD. "I feel good and I feel fine. Body, get in line!" —Kenneth E Hagin.

III. Start loving in obedience to God's WORD.

- Our love is made perfect, because it's God's love within us, and He is perfect. There is no fear in God/Love (1 John 4:17-18).
- Make God's love within you, or perfected love, top priority in your life, and fear will be cast out!
- If you want to increase your faith, plant it, and it will grow (Luke 17:5).
- We are born of Love, and when we believe God's love, it begins to grown. You are exercising faith in God's love.
- You have renewed your mind. You have switched the place of the generic name *God* with the personal name *Love*.
- Have faith in God who is Love (Mark 11:22).
 - If there is something you don't desire, cast it into the sea. If it's something you do desire, believe you receive it, and you will have it (verses 23-24).

IV. When you pray, love and faith need to move freely, so be sure you have forgiven everyone (Mark 11:25).

- The faith you receive from Love Himself, will not work when you are in unforgiveness.
- Forgive yourself and others, and love will work!
- Forgiveness is not a feeling-based decision; it's an obedience-based decision.
- God will not tell you to do something you can't do. He will help you do it.
- Begin your day with prayer and forgiveness. Then, you can hear God.

Additional scriptures: Romans 5:6; 1 John 2:5; Mark 11:14

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Write a declaration you can commit to about obeying the love of God and forgiving everyone you will come in contact with this week:



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DAY 3 – BELIEVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Before Jesus went to the cross, He prayed that everyone would know the love of the Father like He did. Choose to believe God's WORD—that's the foundation faith rests on. John, called the Apostle of Love, knew and believed the love Jesus had for him.

STUDY IT

- I. Before Jesus went to the cross, He prayed that everyone would know the love of the Father like He did (John 17:20-23).
 - When Brother Copeland first read John 17, he had recently found out about the power of agreement. He determined to agree with Jesus' prayer.
 - Brother Copeland was astounded when he read that the Father loves him just like the Father loves Jesus (verse 23).
 - We are not old sinners saved by grace. No! We are loved by God!
 - Jesus, our Savior said that, and He was praying when He said that.
 - Brother Copeland had determined to agree with Jesus, but he was hesitant to make such a bold statement that the Father loves him just like He loves Jesus.
 - Finally, Brother Copeland got up his courage to say, "Thank You, Father, that You love me just as much as You love Jesus."
 - He kept saying it—"God loves Kenneth!" The power of those words overwhelmed him. Soon, he didn't want to say anything else.
 - You should make the same statement about yourself. God loves _____ (insert your name).
 - Say it because Jesus prayed it. Choose to say it, and believe it.
 - Believe it in your heart, say it with your mouth, and know that God loves you (Mark 11:23-24)!
- II. Choose to believe God's WORD —that's the foundation faith rests on.
 - Brother Copeland's testimony of healing by believing God's WORD.
 - Brother Copeland had every symptom of the flu. He hurt all over. He drove Gloria to the cleaners, but he waited in the car.
 - The LORD led him to look at his Bible that was open to 1 Peter 2:24. He put his finger on that verse and read it aloud.
 - Brother Copeland said, "LORD, I *choose* to believe this WORD!"



- Within 10 minutes he felt better. He drove home, ate supper, went to bed and woke up completely well.
- What happened? Brother Copeland chose to believe God's WORD, whether his body felt like it or not.
- Speaking the symptoms is lying, because what's on your body is not the *truth*, it's a *fact*.
 - The *truth* is that by Jesus' stripes you *were* healed, and with His stripes you *are* healed (1 Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5).
 - If you choose to believe the truth, the truth will change the fact.
 - This truth becomes even more powerful the more you believe Love.
 - It's a lie to believe that God wants you to be sick. Can you believe that Love wants you to stay sick for awhile? No!
- Renew your mind to the truth that God is Love, and Love is God (Romans 12:2; 1 John 4:8).

III. John, called the Apostle of Love, knew and believed the love Jesus had for him.

- John was the only disciple who didn't run when Jesus was arrested, crucified and buried. John lived longer than any other disciple. The Romans tried to kill him. They boiled him in oil, and he was not harmed.
- John had faith that Jesus loved him (John 13:23).
- John wrote that we have known and believed the love of God (1 John 4:16). He wasn't bragging; he intimately knew God's love for him!
- Jesus spoke to John from the cross and said, "John, take care of my mother as if she were your own" (paraphrase of John 19:25-27).
- It's important to renew your mind to the truth that God loves you.

Additional scriptures: Romans 3:4, 10:9-10

MAKE IT PERSONAL

Say it over and over again with Brother Copeland:

"God loves me. I believe it in my heart, and I say it with my mouth. God loves me, and gave Himself for me. God loves me."

Let the truth of those words sink into your heart and spirit. Allow yourself to be changed by the love of God.



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DAY 4 – THE LAW OF LOVE

God is Love, and Love has the legal right to heal and prosper you. Love doesn't leave you in a bad situation. Love finds a way to help you. Learn to trust God's love.

STUDY IT

- I. God is Love, and Love has the legal right to heal and prosper you.
 - Set aside several weeks and read the book of 1 John every day. There are things in it that really don't come to the surface until you renew your mind to the fact that God *is* Love.
 - "God is Love"—say it slowly, and let it sink into your heart (1 John 4:8).
 - There are three parts to the curse in the earth: 1) spiritual death, 2) sickness, and 3) poverty and debt.
 - There are three parts to God's redemption of man: 1) salvation, 2) healing, and 3) our High Priest, Jesus, anointed through the line of Melchizedek (Hebrews 6:20).
 - Melchizedek was anointed by God to receive Abraham's tithe. The tithe connected Abraham to God. It was a covenant event, and the priest named Abraham the "possessor of heaven and earth" (Genesis 14:18-20).
- II. Love doesn't leave you in a bad situation. Love finds a way to help you.
 - Religion says God doesn't want you to have anything good.
 - Brainwashed Christians are all messed up. They treat God like He doesn't love anyone.
 - One of the reasons it's impossible to please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6) is that without faith, He can't connect to you.
 - Without faith, you can't access grace. Faith and grace are promised to Abraham's descendants through faith (Romans 4:16). God wants everyone to enjoy His grace.
 - Brother Copeland asked God for a working definition of the concept of *grace*. To say that "grace is undeserved favor" is good, yet...God said *grace* is "God's overwhelming desire to treat you as if sin had never happened."
 - Jesus shed His blood, so we can live our lives in grace, as if sin never happened.
 - There is no condemnation in love or in grace (Romans 8:1).



- When you are cleansed from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:7-9), what's left? Righteousness.
- Acknowledge your sin, repent, and receive forgiveness and grace.
 - Sinning and confessing are better than sinning and not confessing. No born-again child of God is trying to get away with sinning.
 - The power and authority of sin has already been legally broken.
- It's one thing to mentally accept that God loves you. It's another to trust God's love.

III. Learn to trust God's love.

- There is no fear in love. God is Love, and there's no fear in Him. And, God is in us (1 John 4:16-18)!
 - Perfect love casts out fear.
- Stir up the gift of God, which is love. Love flushes fear out (2 Timothy 1:6-7).
 - The more you feed love, the more it will grow until there's no room left for fear.
 - People manage fear. A professional bullrider is not afraid of a bull—he has learned to manage the fear. However, he may be worried and fearful about other things, like his finances.
 - If you're not born again, your spirit is producing fear.
 - When you're born again, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).
 - The fountain inside you is not flowing with fear, but you have a fountain of the fruit of the spirit, a fountain of faith (Galatians 5:22-23).
 - If you continue to feed on fear, it will get in your spirit.
 - If you violate the law of love, and step off the love line, fear is there immediately.
- Determine to walk in the commandment of love, and put it first place, because you want to obey God's WORD.
 - You are a soldier in the army of God, so you must obey the Commander in Chief (2 Timothy 2:3-4).
- Know, believe and trust that God loves you, and that He is doing everything to keep you out of trouble.

Additional scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9

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Write five things the love of God has done for you recently, and thank Him for His love!



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DAY 5 – FORGIVE TO STAY IN LOVE

God instructed us to listen to and obey His voice as well as the law and commandment of love. The law of Jesus is to love one another as He loves us. He gave us the principle and application of faith, so we can be cleansed from sin, and enjoy the everlasting love of God in our lives.

STUDY IT

- I. God instructed us to harken diligently to His voice.
 - The Bible is the voice of God to you.
 - Deuteronomy 28 contains THE BLESSING of Abraham that is available to those who listen to and obey God's commands (verses 1-14).
 - Those who refuse to listen to and obey God's commands are subject to the curse of the Law (verses 15-68).

- II. Be diligent to harken to the commandment to love.
 - In the New Testament, we are instructed to obey God's commands, including the commandment to love (Romans 13:9).
 - Love is the fulfilling of the Law.
 - If you don't obey God's commands, you will walk into the curse. God doesn't put the curse on you. It will come on you through disobedience.
 - Believers are redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13), but it's still out there available for activation.
 - Jesus told us to walk in the straight and narrow way; that is the path of love (Matthew 7:13-14).

- III. The law of Jesus is to love one another as He loves us (John 13:34).
 - We can have confidence in God's love.
 - Ask God anything according to His will and His WORD, and you will have it.
 - God's WORD is His will. He will not promise you anything that's against His will (1 John 5:14-15).
 - If you are born again of God, who is Love, you won't sin. You're walking in the love way (1 John 3:9).



- As a born-again child of God, who is Love, you keep yourself in the love way, and the devil can't touch you. If you step out of line be quick to repent and quick to forgive.
- Continue to love and forgive, and don't let anything push you out of love.
- When we start speaking against God's way of love, we open ourselves to the curse and the devil. He will do his best to get God's WORD out of us. If he gets The WORD out of us, he can hurt us.
- God is looking for an army that will walk in His love and His statutes, and listen to and obey Him.

IV. Jesus gave us the principle and the application of faith, so we can be cleansed from sin and enjoy the everlasting love of God in our lives.

- The faith principle is that we are to put our faith in God, and speak what we want in life (Mark 11:22-23).
- The application of the faith principle is to pray and ask, and believe without doubting, and you will have what you ask for. Forgive, so that your prayers will be answered (verses 24-25).
- Forgiving is easy. It's not a matter of feelings. It's a decision.
 - Stand before God and declare you have forgiven. If your flesh still wants to be angry, remember, it doesn't have a mind of its own, it's trainable.
 - Act on your decision to forgive, not your unrenewed feelings.
 - It's not your business to control how someone else feels. It's your business to love others.
- Until you confess your sin, it's still working in your life. Confess it by faith. You haven't done anything until you receive the forgiveness and the cleansing of it (1 John 1:7-9).
 - You are cleansed when you stand praying.
 - Sin is sin. Admit your sin, confess it and quickly spew it out of your system. Then, thank God for His mercy!
- It's time for the army of God to arise and attack the enemy with a vengeance and love one another with an intensity we have never had before. The power ladders are up, ready for someone to come to God's level and see things from God's vantage point of power and love.

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