

Covenant week 5- Love

Covenant is based upon God's Unconditional Limitless love for us and expressed thru His mercy and grace towards us.

As covenant is the spine of scripture and of the gospel, Love is the substance or glue that holds it all together.

In order for the covenant we have with God to be fully known and understood, we need major mind renewal to help us better understand the fullness of Gods love for us.

Paul understood this and I think is why we see his prayer for the Ephesians in chapter 3:14-19 KJV

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;
17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Paul knew that faith works by love, and that the more rooted and grounded in love, the stronger a persons faith would be. In so much that he desired that they comprehend the breadth, length, depth, and height of His Love.

This Love it says surpasses knowledge, to be filled with ALL the fulness of God.

By faith, God's love is not only received, but faith grows as we begin to understand how big His love is. (breadth, length, depth, height)

Then in vs. **20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

What power??? The LOVE covenant power of God. It does Exceedingly, Abundantly above all we ask or think.

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For God is Love

1 John 4:7-8 KJV **7** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. **8** He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 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.

God loves us so much that He sent Jesus so that we might LIVE through Him.

John 3:16-17 KJV **16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **17** For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

1 John 4:10 KJV Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. **12** No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Romans 5:8 **8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

John 17:23 KJV **23** I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

Jesus wants us to know that God loves us as God has loved Him.

This is a scripture that takes a bit to sink in. This is what Jesus was praying for us. We know Jesus was praying in faith, and so this prayer will come to pass!!

John 17:26 KJV **26** And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Jesus wants the love of God to be made manifest in our lives. Why???