

Love In Deed

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner (*Gk.4217- of what possible sort*) of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons** (*Gk.5043- a child*) **of God**: therefore the world knoweth (*Gk.1097- understands*) us not, because it knew Him not.

- Possible sort has to do with the fact that as sinners one might ask “how is it possible that God, Who alone is to be revered (*Ps 111:9*), and Who cannot be in the presence of sin, can possibly love such a vile being?”

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (*Rom 6:9*), that whosoever believeth (*entrusts their soul*) 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.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we **the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like (*Gk.3664- similar*) Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (*Gk.2289- [cause to be] put to death*) the deeds of the body, ye shall live. **14** For as many **as are led** (*Gk.71- drive[n]*) by the Spirit of God, they are the **sons of God**.

- Whatever you're into is what drives you. To be driven by the Spirit we have to be into His teachings which are only found in the word of God.

Php 2:14 Do all things without murmurings (*Gk.1112- grumbling*) and disputings (*Gk.1261- debate*)(i.e. *have to have my own way*): **15** That ye may be blameless (*Gk.273- irreproachable*) and harmless (*Gk.185- innocent*), the **sons of God, without rebuke** (*Gk.298- unblameable*), **in the midst of a crooked** (*Gk.4646- warped*) and **perverse** (*Gk.1294- [morally] corrupt*) **nation**(*sound familiar?*), among whom ye **shine as lights in the world**;

Mat 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this **hope** (*to be like Him when He comes*) **in Him** purifies (*Gk.48- to make clean*) himself (*is constantly in purification mode*), **even as He is pure** (*Gk.53- clean, that is, [fig.] innocent, modest, perfect: -chaste*).

1Co 15:19 If in this life only we have hope (*Gk.1679- to expect or confide*) in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

- Whether our “**hope**” is what’s “**in**” Christ or that “**we**” are in Christ, the only way to expect anything **from Him** is to be “**in**” Him in the first place. And once “**in**” Christ we are to continually go through the process of keeping ourselves clean. Because to be like Him when He comes we have to be pure and innocent for Him when He comes.
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1Jn 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresses also the law: for sin is the transgression (*Gk.458- violation of law or [generally] wickedness*) of the law.

*“Those who are **constantly involved in sin**, so that it is a way of life, "commit lawlessness." Thus, one is a sinner when he disregards God's law **out of ignorance or knowingly.**”*
Gary Hampton

- Ignorance of the law is no excuse to break it. You can't claim ignorance after being pulled over for running a stop sign and claiming you didn't see it in the first place.

1Jn 3:5 And ye know that He was manifested (*Gk.5319- to render apparent: -appear*) to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin. **6** Whosoever abideth (*Gk.3306- to stay:-continue, remain*) **in Him** sinneth not (*doesn't mean cannot but by choice "will" not*): whosoever sinneth hath not seen (*Gk.3708- to discern clearly*) Him, neither known (*Gk.1097- perceive, understand*) Him.

1Jn 1:7 But **if** we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth (*Gk.2511- καθ-αρ-ιζ-ει: cleanses: [present active indicative meaning it's continual- but here conditional]*) us from all sin. **8** If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess (*Gk.3670- acknowledge*) our sins (*Lk 18:13*), He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to (*may*) cleanse us from all unrighteousness. **10** If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

1Jn 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous**, even as He (*Christ*) is righteous. **8** He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth **from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, **If ye continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**

Joh 8:33 They (*the Pharisees*) answered Him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest Thou, Ye shall be made free? **34** Jesus answered them, **Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.**

- The servant “is not the heir, and may at any time be expelled from the house of his master. But a son is the heir. He cannot be...cast off or sold. He is privileged with the right of remaining in the family.” To “abide not” says that the servant doesn't have any “legal right to remain...in the family of his master...during the whole time of his life.”

Albert Barnes

The heir could set the servant free, if he so chooses. Once freed by the heir the servant, in this story, is freed from the bondage of sin. But...

2Pe 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

Joh 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill Me, because My word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with My Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill Me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to Him, We be not born of fornication*; we have one Father, *even* God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love Me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of Myself (*it wasn't My choice to come*), but He sent Me. 43 Why do ye not understand My speech? *even* because ye cannot hear (*Gk.191- to hear: -give [in the] audience [of] My word. (They were so consumed with the law of Moses they couldn't see where Jesus was the fulfillment of it.)*) 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer **from the beginning**, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a (*actually "the" lie*) lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe Me not. 46 Which of you convinces (*Gk.1651- convict*) me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe Me? 47 He that is of God heareth (*Gk.191*) God's words: ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of God.

*Have you ever noticed how when certain folks can't give a truthful response in a debate they usually revert to smearing their opponent by making personal attacks? Since Jesus was born to a virgin (*Mat 1:23*) without an earthly father and claimed God to be His Father the Jews then deduced that He was born illegitimate.

1Jn 3:9 Whosoever is **born of God** doth not commit sin (*out of choice*); for His seed (*the Divine seed which is His word*) remaineth in him: and he cannot sin (*1 Jn 1:7*), because he is born of God.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus saith unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit (*inspired word of God*), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1Pe 1:23 Being **born again** (*Titus 3:5*), not of corruptible (*Gk.5349- perishable*)(*already born of the human seed*) **seed**, but of incorruptible (*spiritual*), by **the word of God**, which liveth and abideth forever (*Mat 24:35*).

- To say a Christian has no choice when it comes to sinning once becoming a child of God would say also that the scriptures contradict themselves. Choice will remain until Christ returns and we 'll just have to live with that. "Cannot" carries with it (*at least*) two meanings. The first gives the idea of there being an impossibility to. The second gives the possibility to sin but with a strong desire to refuse. In the context, along with other passages to back it up, the meaning here is that faithful Christians "**strongly refuse**" to sin. "*When asked to choose between her son and daughter, Sophie could not chose*".

Rom 5:20 ... But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Rom 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we **continue in sin, that grace may abound?**² God forbid (*let it never be*). How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? ³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of *God*, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

- This is how we can understand how much **God** loves us, by sending **His Son** to die such a cruel death which would be burned in our memories because of the way **He** suffered and died. When we say we would die for others, do we really mean it? If we have faith we would because to rest in **Paradise** would mean no more suffering, pain or temptation. That is IF a person has faith!

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not **love** in word, neither in tongue; but **in deed** and in truth.

- Action speaks louder than words! You know the saying: “*People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care!*” The real test comes when someone has a need but the true test comes when that need is spiritual in nature. The spiritual needs are the ones that will bring stress and even heartache. Let’s not run in the opposite direction when those needs come but face them head on but with the love that **Jesus** would have knowing these precious souls belong to **Him**. The letter of the law without the spirit of the law is **Pharisaic** and hypocritical.

1Jn 3:19 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts (*Gk.2588-the thoughts or feelings [mind]*) before Him. ²⁰ For if our heart (*conscience*) condemn us, God is greater than our heart (*conscience*), and knoweth all things. ²¹ Beloved, if our heart (*conscience*) condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God.

- A conscience is interesting in that it is that part of the mind that seems to nag us a bit. Created by **God** as a way to keep man on the straight and narrow, it can be that part of us that will save us from harm and, ultimately, eternal condemnation.

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. ⁹ And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard Thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. ¹¹ And He said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Adam didn’t rely on his conscience and the rest is history! And not that our conscience, as **Jiminy Cricket** stated, is to be our guide either. It depends on how our conscience was educated. (*Pro 22:6*)

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; *2* Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their **conscience seared** with a hot iron;

1Jn 3:22 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, **because** we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. (...according to His will, He heareth us:-*1 Jn 5:14*) (*This addendum is stating that He will not hear us if our prayers are not according to His divine will. 2 Pet 3:9*)

- God will always bless us as long as we continue to do His will. Sometimes we wonder “how long, O Lord, holy and true? (*Rev 6:10*) but we need to lean on Him and His providence and “fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” (*Lk 12:32*) If we remain faithful, ultimately, God will welcome us unto His Heavenly home.

Jas 4:3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss (*Gk.2560- badly*), that ye may consume (*Gk.1159- to expend, that is, to waste*) it upon your lusts (*Gk.2237- sensual delight; desire*).

1Jn 3:23 And this is His commandment, That we should believe on the name (*Gk.3686- authority*) (*If I believe my boss has the authority to let me go I’m going to do whatever [moral ability not withstanding] he says, if I want to keep my job.*) of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He gave us commandment (*Jn 13:34*). *24* And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

“When one, through obedient faith, keeps the commandments of the Lord, he becomes a part of Christ, or is placed in the Lord's body.”

Gary Hampton

Gal 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith (*Gk.4102- reliance upon Christ for salvation*) in Christ Jesus. *27* For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. *28* There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. *29* And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs (*no longer servants of sin-Jn 8:35-36*) according to the promise.

- Abraham didn’t just believe “in” God, he **believed** God! (*Rom 4:3/ Gal 3:6/ Jas 2:23*)

Hear: *Romans 10:17* ..."faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Believe: *Heb 11:6* ..."for he that commeth to God must believe that He is"...

Repent: *Lk 13:3* ..."except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: *Mat 10:32* "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: *Acts 22:16* "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

Remain faithful: *Rom 6:4* ..."even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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