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THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:7,8*

[Love, And Some Thoughts About It](#)

God is love. Love is from God. So say our meditation Scripture verses this month seen above. Later in this same chapter, John tells us that we love because He first loved us (1 Jn 4:19). Elsewhere in the Scriptures, we know that Jesus is God (Jn 10:30); that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father but by Him (Jn 14:6); that God the Father gave His Son Jesus as the blood sacrifice for the sins of the whole world (Is 53:4-6); that no one has greater love than the one who lays down his life for his friends (Jn 15:13); that we are Jesus' friends if we obey His commands (Jn 15:14); that we will keep His word if we love Him, and that those who do not love Him do not keep His words (Jn 14:23,24).

These passages tell us many things. Because God is love, He is the only One who can define what true love is. Therefore, is any expression truly love that the world (or even the Church) calls love, if it is outside the scope of God's word and expression?

Not only does He tell us of His love, but He also shows us His love. He showed His love for mankind by sending Jesus to earth to take on the sins of the whole world so that we could live in Him on the earth and throughout eternity with Him in heaven. His actions are true to His word. And He continues to demonstrate His love for us each and every day of our lives.

The apostle Paul provides love's characteristics in his first letter to the Corinthian church. He says that love is patient, kind, not jealous, not boastful, not arrogant, not unbecoming, and not self-seeking, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. He adds that love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, and that love never fails (13:4-8a). What a yardstick by which to measure our lives!

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment is, He responded that we must love God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and love our neighbors as ourselves (Mt 22:36-40). God's love cannot be expressed in isolation, but rather in the context of relationship and community. Close, not from afar. Several decades ago, I heard love defined by a Bible teacher (paraphrasing here) as choosing another's highest good in all situations above our own desires. That is what God has done for us.

Our motivation in expressing love to God and to one another is not to secure a bigger mansion in heaven for ourselves. Rather, our motivation should be to follow the Holy Spirit's leading as we are about the work of establishing Jesus' kingdom here on earth. It is for His sake, and the sake of His kingdom, not for our own sakes. We pray that His kingdom come to earth and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Our obedience to the Spirit's leading is our expression of love to our Father.

As we commemorate the passion of Jesus in His scourging and His death on the cross, and as we celebrate His resurrection from the dead conquering sin and death, let us do so with a renewed commitment to love and serve Him as ambassadors of His kingdom, for His sake and for His purposes, as His glory fills the earth.

Responses From You

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Upcoming Ministry Meetings

Overcomers Group: Thursday, March 24, 2016; Thursday, April 7, 2016; Thursday, April 21, 2016

Family & Friends Group: Tues, March 29, 2016; Tues, April 12, 2016; Tues, April 26, 2016

Upcoming Conferences

Counsel the Word, April 26-27, 2016 at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
Exhibiting Abba's Delight Ministry

Hope for Wholeness, "Jesus Above All," June 1-5, 2016, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC
Presenting workshops

Ongoing Prayer Requests

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being prepared Biblically with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being impacted, either directly, or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

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Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25