



“The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his [own] love, he will joy over thee with singing,” Zephaniah 3:17

LIVING BY LEVELS OF LOVE AS GOD DESIGNED

Let's explore three levels of love in the Greek language. The diversity of relationship we have with others determine the blend we experience. *Agapaō* is having care and concern relationally or ethically. It is the foundation from which the others spring. God loved the world, (John 3:16); love between God, Jesus and you, (John 14:21); love neighbors as yourself, (Mark 12:31); husbands love wives, (Eph. 5:25); love your enemies, (Matthew 5:44). *Agapē* shows affection or benevolence associated with I Corinthians 13th chapter. *Agapētōs* is being the beloved, i.e., one dear to the heart. God's gratified with Jesus (Luke 3:22) and when God's love is perfected in us, it abides in us with increased maturity (I John 4:12).

GOD'S ABILITY ON YOUR ABILITY TO BE LOVE, NOT TO JUST HAVE LOVE

God's unfailing love can only be shared through his personal presence and anointing. Holy Spirit sheds abroad God's love in our hearts so we can live through Jesus to love others with the compassion of Christ, not just charity. “May the Master take you by the hand and lead you along the path of God's love and Christ's endurance,” 2 Thessalonians 3:5, The Message. Its abounding mercy and grace never runs out because it is not fueled by human limitations. “Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail. Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end],” I Corinthians 13:4-8, The Amplified. Christ dwells in your heart by faith; then you are rooted and grounded in love to show God and you are intimately acquainted. The baptism of his love is your being filled with God's fullness until you overflow into the lives of others so they too can be soaked with endless love.

RELEASED TO PASSIONATELY LOVE AGAIN

If hearts are lame, the love walk will have a limp. Psalm 147:3 is God's remedy to be whole and well again, no matter how deep the pain. “He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.” Being touched with the feeling of our infirmities, Jesus Christ transports us from limping to leaping with his love as the cure. Proverbs 14:30 is the prototype. “A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy the rottenness of the bones.” In Hebrew, sound is defined as curative, i.e., to settle in the place i.e., resting in God's love. Its disposition remains gentle, quiet, undisturbed, calm, tranquil, appeased, not stormy. As we trust God with our heart each time we encounter a hurt, He loves us back to life so we remember without the ache. When God performs open heart surgery, it never leaves any scars because we were healed by Jesus' stripes. We can experience love without the expectation of being crippled i.e., deprived of the power of motion/feeling. God sculpts masterpieces from broken pieces.

THE HIGHEST RANKING LOVE RECEIVES HEAVEN'S ENDORSEMENT

God recognized and accepted Jesus as his beloved in Luke 3:22, “And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.” Since we are accepted in Jesus, the beloved, we are also recognized as the beloved. “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 him; for we shall see him as he is,” I John 3:2. With eyes unveiled, we see our weight in glory. Then without shame, we can proclaim, I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

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Thought for Transformation

There's intimacy when there is no breach of loyalty. “He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love [for love waved as a protecting and comforting banner over my head when I was near him.]” Song of Solomon 2:4, The Amplified. Come closer so you can always feel God's heartbeat for you, in you.

Knitted Together in Love

As we learn to love God, he shows us how to love ourselves. We then have his capacity to love others having been first loved by God. Matthew 22:36-39, “Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” As one!

Revolutionizing our World

As we change how we love, we will change our world. As we see Jesus as he is—He is love, we will be as he is in this world—We are love. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another,” John 13:34-35.