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STAGE #1 GOD’S LOVE FOR GOD

Understanding God’s Love for His People (Part 2)

Stage 1 is to receive increased understanding of the perfect love that is found in the relationships within the Trinity. The Son loves the Father (Jn. 14:31), and the Father loves the Son (Jn. 3:35; 5:20; 15:9; 17:23). Their love is the foundation of all the love experienced in the kingdom.

We best understand God’s love as we consider the glorious truth of the Trinity. Why? The way that God loves within the Trinity is the way that He loves us—because it is the very same love.

He always loves in fullness—He never loves us with only a part of His love, because that would be to deny His own character. He will never diminish or grow in love, because His love is infinite in measure and eternal in duration.

In John 13-17, Jesus taught on the loving union of the three persons in the Trinity. In Their union we see the nature, quality, and intensity of Their love. Their relationships are the model and source of perfect love giving us a picture of how God relates to God, how He relates to us, and how we relate to Him and others.

Each person of the Trinity enjoys and fully engages in the relationship with the others. Jesus has joy and enthusiasm in His love for the Father. He is moved both in loving the Father and in being loved by the Father. His love is never mechanical. He is not bored in His relationship with the Father.

I John 4 tells us that: “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.”

I John 4:16-19 NKJV