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STAGE #2 GOD’S LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE

Understanding God’s Love for His People (Part 3)

Stage 2 is to receive increased understanding of the love that God has for us (Eph. 1:17; 3:18-19). Jesus declared that He loves the redeemed in the same way or intensity that His Father loves Him (Jn. 15:9). He said that the Father also loves the redeemed with this same intensity (Jn. 17:23). Father, Son, and Spirit love the redeemed with all their heart, mind, soul, and strength.

9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.” (Jn. 15:9)

23...that the world may know that You have...loved them as You have loved Me. (Jn. 17:23)

The ultimate statement about our worth is that Jesus has the same measure of affection towards us that His Father has towards Him (Jn. 15:9; 17:23). This is both the simplest and deepest truth in the kingdom. It is both the introduction and the ultimate experience of the kingdom. This truth gives every believer the right to view themselves as one of “God’s favorites.”

John 15:9 is a most dynamic truth for which we should often say, “Thank You,” and ask the Spirit to reveal more of God’s love for us and to impart more love for God in us.

A most dynamic truth... God loves you... loves me.

We don’t have to earn His love... He gives it... He pours it.

He paid the greatest price for it for you and for me to experience it...

This love is transformative... it’s freeing... it enables one to even love its enemies... the most powerful expression of love...