

I Am Love

Text: 1 John 4:15 *Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.* ¹⁷ *Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.* ¹⁸ *There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

Introduction: The question that all have asked themselves is “Who am I?” When the question is answered by what I do we judge ourselves by standards established by others.

How do you define yourself?

- Man or Woman, Father or Mother, Young or Old
- Single, Divorced, Husband or Wife
- Employed, Retired, Wealthy or Not, Healthy or Sickly, Strong or Weak, Etc.

God’s Word establishes your identity in Love’s Absolute Nature that “I am Love!”

By His Nature are called to work with the Holy Spirit doing the works of God. God’s greatest work through you is for those around you to experience the Love of God for themselves. That is why we boldly profess, “I am Love!” As a believer the following truths are operational in and through you.

1. The Holy Spirit is manifesting God’s Love!
2. My nature, “I am Love” connects people to God’s Love!

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John 3:16 *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth 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.* ¹⁸ *He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.* ¹⁹ *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.*

- Love’s reach to all
 - God’s Spirit is everywhere at all times

Psalm 139:7 *Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.*

- God’s unconditional love

Ephesians 2:4 *ESV But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—*

- Goodness of God leads to repentance

Romans 2:1 *Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.* ² *We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things.* ³ *Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God?* ⁴ *Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?*

- Jesus’ sacrifice for all forgave and ended all sin, curse, condemnation and unbelief! “It is finished!”
- The Holy Spirit works bringing the World to faith

John 16:7 *Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.* ⁸ *And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:* ⁹ *Of sin, because they believe not on me;* ¹⁰ *Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;* ¹¹ *Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.*

****Salvation and Re-dedication for All!****

2. My nature, “I am Love” connects people to God’s Love!

John 6:28 *Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁸ Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.***

- **Keep yourself in God's Love**
 - Stay connected to the Holy Spirit - Pray in the spirit "pray in other tongues"

Jude 1:20 NLT *But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.*

- **Work the works of God through the Holy Spirit**

Romans 5:5 *Young's Literal Translation -and the hope doth not make ashamed, because **the love of God hath been poured forth in our hearts through the Holy Spirit that hath been given to us.***

John 7:38 *He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

- **You produce the proof of Jesus' Love**
 - Judge all people through Jesus' Death, Burial and Resurrection! It is finished!

2 Corinthians 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: ¹⁵ And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*

- Lead all that will to Jesus. You have the ministry of reconciliation! **2 Cor. 5:18-21**

Jude 1:22 NLT *Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.*

- Pray for one another

James 5:16 *Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. ¹⁷ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. ¹⁸ And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.*

****Declare together: "I am Love"**

Romans 5:5b -- *the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Communion: 1 Corinthians 11:23 *For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: ²⁴ And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. ²⁵ After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. ²⁶ For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*

Jude 1:24 NLT *To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

Worship God through your: First-Fruits, Tithes, Offerings and sacrifices:

Luke 12:40 ESV *You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." ⁴¹ Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" ⁴² And the Lord said, "**Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? ⁴³ Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁴ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁵ But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, ⁴⁶ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. ⁴⁷ And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. ⁴⁸ But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. **Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.*****

Proverbs 3:9 *Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: ¹⁰ So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*