

Love is an Atmosphere Changer

God's love for you hasn't diminished since the day you first surrendered your life to Him. In fact, He's just as excited about you today as He was on that very first day. This enduring love isn't just a comforting thought—it's the foundation for how we're called to live and impact the world around us.

Why Does God's Love Never Get Old?

Unlike human love that can grow tired or worn out, God's love is characterized by endurance and excitement. The Bible tells us that all of heaven rejoices when one person repents, which shows us that God doesn't just love us—He gets excited about us. This excitement doesn't fade over time.

God doesn't overreact to our mistakes or failures. Instead, He patiently waits for us to come back around, ready to forgive, cleanse, refresh, and strengthen us. His love is both patient and kind, suffering long without a bad attitude about it.

What Does Love Look Like in Action?

First Corinthians 13 gives us the perfect description of God's love—and since God is love, this passage describes exactly how He is. But it's also a blueprint for how we should love others.

Love Is Patient and Kind

Love suffers long and is kind. God doesn't just endure our shortcomings with gritted teeth—He's gracious and nice about it. Often, He doesn't even let us know He's waiting on us to grow and change.

Love Doesn't Seek Its Own Glory

Love doesn't parade itself or try to make itself look good for selfish reasons. Instead, love is more concerned about others. God is more interested in talking about you and lifting you up than promoting Himself. This is why Jesus took the position of a servant, washing His disciples' feet.

Love Cares About Perception for Others' Sake

While love isn't concerned about its image for selfish reasons, it does care about how it's perceived—but for the sake of others. How can you help someone if they have a wrong perception of you? Jesus sanctified Himself for His disciples' sake, and sometimes we need to make sacrifices so others can receive from our lives.

How Does God Want to Lift You Up?

God's desire is to exalt you, but He does it by first growing you up. His way of lifting us up is from the inside out, starting in your heart and spirit through faith. As you're transformed into His image (which is love), you come into greater agreement with God.

The more you walk in love, the more you're in agreement with God. The more you're in agreement with God, the more He can be God in your life. He wants to backhand the devil and lift you out of difficult situations, but this requires your cooperation through walking in love.

How Do You Stay in God's Presence?

Walking in love keeps you in God's manifested presence. When you get into atmospheres of strife, division, and anger, you feel the presence of something nasty. But when you maintain love, you stay in an atmosphere of peace, kindness, goodness, and joy.

The Power of Carrying God's Presence

Like King David, who carried God's anointing so powerfully that his presence would cause troubling spirits to leave King Saul, we can carry God's presence into every situation. As New Testament believers with the Holy Spirit living inside us, we have even more than David had.

When you carry God's presence, you become an atmosphere changer. You don't leave places the same way you found them. You bring peace that surpasses understanding and drive out troubling spirits simply by walking in God's love.

What About Spiritual Warfare?

Many times when people are troubled, it's not just their own issues—there are actual troubling spirits involved. Instead of just dealing with symptoms, we need to address the spiritual root. In Jesus' name, we have authority to command these spirits to leave.

The key to effective spiritual warfare is staying in God's love and presence. When evil thoughts come, don't struggle with them—simply change the subject by talking to the Holy Spirit. As you lift your thoughts higher, the enemy loses his ability to reach you.

How Do You Overcome Evil with Good?

Love is not easily provoked. When someone is rude to you or cuts you off in traffic, instead of being provoked, respond with prayer. Pray for the person who provoked you. This is how you overcome evil with good and win the battle.

Love thinks no evil, doesn't rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things (believing the best about everyone), hopes all things, and endures all things. Most importantly, love never fails.

Why Should You Seek to Bless Others?

Love doesn't seek its own. While it's good to want to improve your life, the ultimate purpose should be to glorify God and help others. You can only be a blessing to the degree that you're blessed, so God wants to bless you—but ultimately so you can be a blessing to others.

When you think beyond yourself, you'll be more than taken care of. But when you're only thinking about yourself, you often can't get very far because you're going in the wrong direction.

Life Application

This week, make a conscious decision to become an atmosphere changer. Instead of reacting to negative situations or difficult people, choose to respond with God's love. When someone is rude, pray for them. When you feel troubled or anxious, speak peace over yourself in Jesus' name. Practice carrying God's presence wherever you go, knowing that your love can drive out fear and bring peace to chaotic situations.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I walking in love even when others are difficult?
- Do I seek to bless others, or am I primarily focused on my own needs?
- When I enter a room or situation, do I bring God's peace with me?
- How can I better cooperate with God's love working through me this week?

Remember, when you stay in God's love, you will not fail. No matter how things look, if you continue walking in love, you will come out on top as a winner. Love never fails, and neither will you when you're walking in it.

Quotes

1. "God's love never wears out."
2. "God is just as excited about you today as He was on the very first day you said, 'Jesus, be the Lord of my life.'"
3. "He's quick to forgive you because He's still excited about you."
4. "God is more concerned about you than Himself."
5. "God prefers you above Himself—He's the same God who two thousand years ago, instead of saving Himself, went to the cross and suffered and died for us."
6. "God wants you higher in your thinking and in the way you live. He wants things better for you tomorrow than they were today."
7. "God lifts us up and blesses us from the inside out. It begins within—in your heart, in your spirit."

8. “The more you walk in love, the more you walk in agreement with God. And the more you agree with God, the more He can be God in your life.”
9. “We are to live in an atmosphere of peace—a happy place in God.”
10. “Don’t be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.”
11. “You and I should be carrying the peace of God, the joy of the Lord, and the wisdom of God everywhere we go by living in His presence.”
12. “We carry the presence of God by walking in the love of God.”
13. “Love keeps you in God’s presence, and it makes it very difficult for the enemy to interfere with your life.”
14. “We change atmospheres. We don’t leave places the same. When we walk in, we bring the peace of God that passes understanding, and troubling spirits have to go.”
15. “Love will drive out every kind of demon.”
16. “You can only be a blessing to the degree that you’re blessed—so let God bless you.”
17. “Make someone else happy and you’ll make yourself happy—that’s what love does, because love does not seek its own.”
18. “Instead of getting provoked, pray for the one provoking you.”
19. “No matter how things look, if you stay in the love of God, you will come out on top. You will prevail.”
20. “Love never fails—so when we walk in love, failure is not our destiny.”

Verses

1. First Corinthians 13
2. First Corinthians 13:4

3. First John
4. Proverbs
5. Second Corinthians
6. James
7. Romans 1
8. First Corinthians 1:3

Summary

God's love for you remains as strong and exciting today as it was when you first surrendered to Him. This enduring love serves as the foundation for how we're called to live and impact others. Walking in God's love keeps us in His manifested presence and transforms us into atmosphere changers who bring peace wherever we go. When we respond to difficult situations with love instead of being provoked, we overcome evil with good. Love is patient, kind, and never seeks its own glory, but instead focuses on blessing others. By staying in God's love and carrying His presence, we can drive out troubling spirits and bring transformation to every situation we encounter.