

“Positioned in Love”

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1. Why is it so important for us to be positioned in Love?

1 Corinthians 13:8a “Love never fails”

* **Who does this describe?**

1 John 4:7-12 NKJV: ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

2. What are the characteristics of the love of God that causes failure to become obsolete?

1 Corinthians 13:4-10 NKJV: ⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

3. Is it possible for us to love like this or is this just a ridiculous expectation for any human being?

***If you are a born again believer, this is reality but it takes time. Fruit on a tree does not manifest overnight, even though everything the tree needs to produce fruit is present, inside the tree, because it was all resident inside the seed that produced the tree and, if I allow myself to be led by the Holy Spirit and renew my mind to the Word of God, it will be me, because the seed of God, the Spirit of God, lives inside of me.**

a. **1 Peter 1:22-23 NKJV:** ²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever...

Galatians 5:22-26 NKJV: ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Romans 5:5 NKJV: Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Ephesians 5:1-2 NKJV: ¹ Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ² And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Philippians 2:13 NKJV: for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

- a. **This is what the world is supposed to see in the Church and outside the Church, to see our behavior, actions, conduct, attitude, and all we act and do is result of the Spirit of living in us. I'm not planning to sin because I love God and I'm not going to be mean, hateful, rude, and prejudice because the love of God, in me, is the dominant force in my life.**

1 John 3:9-11 AMP: ⁹ No one who is born of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, because God's seed [His principle of life, the essence of His righteous character] remains [permanently] in him [who is born again—who is reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, and set apart for His purpose]; and he [who is born again] cannot habitually [live a life characterized by] sin, because he is born of God and longs to please Him. ¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are clearly identified: anyone who does not practice righteousness [who does not seek God's will in thought, action, and purpose] is not of God, nor is the one who does not [unselfishly] love his [believing] brother. ¹¹ For this is the message which you [believers] have heard from the beginning [of your relationship with Christ], that we should [unselfishly] love and seek the best for one another...

John 13:34-35 AMP: ³⁴ I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another."

***This means, that we are to love our brothers and sisters of all colors, just like in Heaven, because we are all of ONE BLOOD!! Jesus died for every human being, all races, all colors, therefore, Love comes in and from all colors!!**

1 John 2:9-11 NKJV: ⁹ He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. ¹⁰ He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. ¹¹ But he who hates his brother is in darkness and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.