

OverFlow of Love

Php 1:9 And this I pray, **that your love may overflow** still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,

1Th 3:12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and **overflow in love for one another**, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;

Today we will explore the OverFlow of Love

Source of Love

Gal 5:22 **But the fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Love is spiritual. Its not natural.

All that is natural grows weak with age, but all that is spiritual renews itself day after day after day.

Love never grows old, never grows cold, never loses its passionate focus.

Rom 5:5 (NASB) and hope does not disappoint, **because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts** through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Because we can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!

The same love with which God loves us He has poured out into our born again hearts.

This is why Jesus says two outstanding words

Joh 15:12 (NASB) “This is My commandment, that you love one another, **just as I have loved you.**”

Effect of Love

Just As

These two little words are two of the most challenging words in the Bible.

I am certain I know how Jesus saw people. I am sure He saw them through the eyes of faith. It was Love, seeing men through the eyes of faith.

We have been seeing men through Sense-dominated eyes. Now we see them as the Father sees them.

2Co 5:16 (NASB) Therefore from now on we recognize no one by the flesh; even though we have known Christ by the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer.

2Co 5:16 (TPT) So then, from now on, we have a new perspective that refuses to evaluate people merely by their outward appearances. For that's how we once viewed the Anointed One, but no longer do we see him with limited human insight.

* Share the love experience.

I knew that I would be willing to slit my wrist and pour out my life blood if doing so would make them well.

My mind was rebelling against such a thought but my heart, my inner man was in agreement.

I said, "I can't do it Master. I can't love like that. If I loved like that I would be my life would never be my own again."

I told my Pastor if I do this I won't be in control.

2Co 5:14 (AMPC) For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us...

If I loved even as He loved I would have His companionship. I would have His strength. I would have His gentleness, His forbearance. I would give away the toys of the Senses to get the wealth of the Spirit."

When man is love-ruled, love-owned, love-motivated, he does not shrink from any sacrifice.

Christ did not shrink from bearing the sin and pain and anguish of the world.

Rom 9:3 (TPT) (3-4) For my grief is so intense that I wish that I would be accursed, cut off from the Messiah, if it would mean that you, my people, would come to faith in him! ...

Love seeks the best, not for self, but for the other.

Love is willing to sacrifice all and yet sees the sacrifice as small.

Gen 29:20 (NASB) So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him like only a few days because of his love for her.

Love is the reason for life. When love is gone, life has lost its reason.

Love causes Altruism

Altruism is the unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness.

Joh 13:35 (NASB) “By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another.”

Joh 13:35 (TPT) For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you’re my true followers.”

The effect of love is the attraction of Christ.

A famous media mogul said, “HollyWood is not anti Christ but they are anti Christian.”

Mahatma Ghandi said, “All of India would be Christian today if only Christians would live like Christ.”

Love is the reason for all that goes to make civilization. When love dies, all worthwhile in life fades.

Failure of Love

This is actually a play on words because the God kinda of love never fails

1Co 13:8 (NASB) Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

But its important to know that this doesn’t mean that love always achieves its objective.

There were plenty of people Jesus wanted to embrace (that was His objective) but they rejected His love.

We know that God’s love plan is for every man and woman to be born again but that isn’t going to happen.

So what does it mean that love never fails?

1Co 13:8 (AMPC) Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].....

πίπτω / *piptō* 1) to descend from a higher place to a lower

It actually means, as the TPT states, “Love never stops loving”

So there is never a failure OF love but there is a failure TO love.

This is why Jesus replied, when asked about what was the greatest commandment the greatest commandment is love.

Love God and Love everyone created in His image.

Never stop loving, no matter what the provocation.

Mat 24:12 (CEV) Evil will spread and cause many people to stop loving others.

Mat 24:12 (TPT) There will be such an increase of sin and lawlessness that those whose hearts once burned with passion for God and others will grow cold.

The heart is the life of man. Love is the life of the heart.

When love grows cold so does the heart.

Love will be challenged.

Your pain is loves challenge.

Will you put another brick in the wall to protect yourself?

Or will you accept the challenge to step out and into the overflow of Love.