

THE EFFECTS OF HIS LOVE (2)

1 Jn 3.10ff; Gal 3

We saw last week that His love sets us free from: Bondage to sin; The working of Satan in our lives; The world system

Since we are in the world but not of the world and since we have been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kdm of the son of love,
we now have freedom to not sin.

We will sin, but we have an advocate with a father who cleanses us.

Sub note: Later we will see 1 John 4:17-19

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

There is no fear in love; *but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.*

But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.

This verse is not talking about fear of unemployment; sickness; loss; death etc.

John is talking here about *fear of judgment*. His perfect love casts out all worry or dread for me.

I can come boldly to the throne of grace... without fear.

I can call on Him in any situation... without fear.

I can confess my sin and failure to Him... without fear.

SO...this helps me do the next three things that we see in this passage. His love helps me:

Keep his commandments; Express his love ASK and receive.

KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS

Remember, John continually interchanges “commandment” and “commandments”.

So let's rename them **love** (which is the ultimate command) and **the Law** (which is very important to us).

He repeatedly reminds us that the basis of fulfilling the law of God in our lives is *the love of Jesus*. Without the love of Jesus *you cannot fulfill the law*.

Because the law is fulfilled in us through his love. Here's an example...

Micah 6:8 NKJV

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you?

But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

If I do those three things will I go to heaven? No! For by Grace are you saved, through faith... not of works.

But if I have accepted X as your savior *will I do those three things?* Absolutely! You better!

Why? Because the power of the HS in me is allowing me ...spurring me on...challenging me to DO His commandments.

If you are truly following Christ and his love is filling your heart...you will do justly; love mercy; walk humbly.

Will you walk perfectly? No but you WILL fulfill those three things because X has fulfilled his law in you first.

Lets go to Gal 3.1-25 to see this even more deeply.

What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator (Moses)

Before the law, man sinned...*but he did not transgress., because there was no law.* You cannot transgress a law if there is no law.

A sinning man was not a transgressor, but he still suffered the fruit of sin (death).

Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not!

For if there had been a law given which could have brought life,

truly righteousness would have been by the law.

But righteousness does not come by the law it comes through Christ.

So now because of the working of His love through the justice of the law:

I can fully see my flaws and correct them!

I can boldly recognize my sins and confess them!

I can see my failures and let the washing of the water of the word cleanse me.

I can see the filth of this world that clings to me so easily and go directly to my advocate

EXPRESS HIS LOVE

-Talked about the Good Samaritan kind of love...I can love because I *have been* loved...

-We love him, because he first loved us. (1 Jn)

-Note Eph 2:

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Notice: It all starts in love And 2 x ***by grace are you saved...***

So when I realize that everything I have comes by love; through grace...then I have the pattern of living mapped out for me...

(We'll get into this deeper)...DOES NOT mean: I let everyone do anything they want. I let everyone do anything they want TO me.

Love has obligations AND grace can kill you.

ASK AND RECEIVE (3.22)

In life, did you ever notice that we rarely get what we want, *but we always get what we need.*

Is it possible that sometimes our asking is so specific that *God cannot answer the request?*

Jesus said if you ask for a fish your father is not going to give you a serpent; (bread or stone)

There are many times in life that we need to learn to live by need and not by want.

I may want a salmon fillet but the Lord says "No, here's your serving of cod".

...like a nice rocky mountain rainbow trout, lemon, garlic. side of etc.

He chuckles and says "Here's your haddock."

When I ask, he will always give me what I need. Re-translate a couple of words in 3.22:

ASK can also be translated "require"; RECEIVE can also be translated "take".

Whatever is required, I can take.

So every day I can say Father:

This is what your word says that is required for me to do the job, *so I'm going to take it.*

As an example, Paul asked to receive healing three times and he was denied.

But the denial to heal him did not *end his life or ministry*, the denial led to a deeper grace and strength to do more.

Whenever I ask my Father for a fish, he will give me the catch of the day.

Sometimes it's cod sometimes...halibut...lobster...haddock... but every time it's just what I need.

He will always supply ALL my need according to his riches in glory, by XJ! Think of that!

All need, every need, always.

Based on what? The economy? Value of the dollar? Price of gas...food?

Based on ACCORDING TO His Glory in Christ.

That is all lot of provision! Value in \$\$ of the resurrection? Amount of energy expended?

Quantity of force necessary to create one world, let alone the ENTIRE universe?

Because of His eternal love, I can keep the commandments; express His love to others and ***ask largely!***

For He has given us all things richly to enjoy!