

Day 15: Freedom ~ Live in Love

Freedom is a wonderful place to live. One of the main ways to continue in freedom is to realize and embrace the love of God. If you grew up with parents who were emotionally distant or nonexistent, then receiving the Lord's love could be more difficult. If that's the case, pray to understand, receive, and recognize this outrageous love.

1 John 4:7-21, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. ¹⁷ This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

God created us out of love and to have relationship with us (Col 1:4-5). This love drove Christ to the cross.

God is good, faithful, kind, and loving. Our faith needs to be centered on how much God loves us and wants the best for us.

May you rest in God's great love for you. Ephesians 3:17-19 reminds us, "so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

Day 15 Worksheet

Have you ever struggled with knowing and accepting the love of God? Why or why not?

Read the passage from 1 John 4. Write your thoughts after reading it.

What would be different in your life if you recognized the depth of God's love for you?

What are some ways that God reveals His love for His children (sunset, provision, etc.)?

Write two action steps to help you recognize, accept, and receive God's love today?
