



## LIVING FROM ABOVE

### Session 6: Love From Above

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#### I. REVIEW & INTRODUCTION

##### A. Scriptures

###### 1. Philippians 3:20

**NKJV** "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ"

###### 2. Ephesians 2:6

**KJV** "And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus..."

**GW** "God has brought us back to life together with Christ Jesus and has given us a position in heaven with him."

**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Whatever we do, we do it from this **heavenly** position!*

##### B. The Heavenly Position...

- It is a righteous position.
- A victorious position.
- An overcoming position.
- A winning position.
- A strong position
- A healed, delivered, and set free position.

#### II. LOVE FROM ABOVE

##### A. There is a difference in this world's love and heaven's love.

| HEAVEN'S LOVE                                                                    | THIS WORLD'S LOVE                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sacrificial<br><b>John 3:16</b>                                                  | Self-centered<br><i>"What am I getting from this?"</i>    |
| Unconditional in its source                                                      | Often conditional<br><i>"I'll love you as long as..."</i> |
| Seeks another's good<br><i>"Love...does not seek its own"</i> <b>1 Cor. 13:5</b> | Seeks personal benefit                                    |
| Speaks truth<br><i>"speaking the truth in love"</i> <b>Eph. 4:15</b>             | May confuse love with approval                            |



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| HEAVEN'S LOVE                                                     | THIS WORLD'S LOVE                                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Can correct<br>"whom the Lord loves He chastens" <b>Heb. 12:6</b> | Often avoids correction to<br>avoid conflict          |
| Loves one's enemies<br><b>Matthew 5:44</b>                        | Loves those who love us<br><b>Matthew 5:46</b>        |
| Forgives<br><b>Ephesians 4:32</b>                                 | Keeps score and holds grudges                         |
| Patient and enduring<br><b>1 Corinthians 13:4 and 7</b>           | Often only lasts while feelings last                  |
| Does not rejoice in sin<br><b>1 Corinthians 13:6</b>              | May call acceptance of<br>everything "love"           |
| Gives without demanding repayment<br><b>Luke 6:35</b>             | Often expects something<br>in return                  |
| Flows from God<br><b>Romans 5:5</b>                               | Flows primarily from natural<br>affection and emotion |

#### B. God's Love

1. When we are born again, we experience God's love, the love that is the flow of heaven.

2. **1 John 4:7-10**

**ESV** "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because **God is love**. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. **In this is love**, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**"

- NOTE: Nearly every translation of this passage reads: "*God is love.*"

3. **Love = Agape**

- a. Agape love is the highest expression of biblical love.
- b. It is God's kind of love—a love that chooses and seeks the highest good of another, regardless of feelings, circumstances, or the response it receives.
  - This love is not governed by emotion.



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- This love is a “giving” love. (**John 3:16** “...for God so loved... He **gave**...”)
  - This love seeks the wellbeing of others.
  - This love loves when there is no reciprocation.
- c. This is the love of God that proceeds to and through us from above.

#### C. Receiving Love from Above

1. Before you can truly demonstrate God’s love to others, you must first learn to receive and embrace the love God has for you.
  - **NOTE:** One of the first things that new converts need to renew their minds to is the truth about God’s love for them. We need to become firmly established in the LOVE OF GOD for us.

#### 2. 1 John 4:16

**NKJV** “And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.”

- a. We have KNOWN the love.
- b. We have BELIEVED the love.

#### 3. It is important that we KNOW and BELIEVE the love that God has for us.

- a. Don’t just know the doctrine “God loves me.”
- b. Be convinced with conviction that **God loves ME**.

#### 4. It is possible to believe in the love of God without yet being fully persuaded of God’s love for you.

- a. We must become SECURE in His love.
- b. Declaration: “*I am loved by God.*”

#### 5. 1 John 4:10

**ESV** “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that **he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**”

**NLT** “This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.”

**CEV** “Real love isn’t our love for God, but his love for us. God sent his Son to be the sacrifice by which our sins are forgiven.”



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**PASTOR'S NOTE:** *Most Christians are attempting to establish their love for God. They testify of it and try to prove it to others. However, Heaven's love isn't as much about our love for God as it is HIS LOVE FOR US!*

*Maybe we should be testifying more about HIS LOVE FOR US than our love for Him? Maybe we should be talking more about His love for us than our love for Him? Our love for Him only flows from His love for us.*

*Many people stumble in Christianity because they are not established in the love of God, not being fully convinced of His unconditional love.*

#### 6. Paul's Prayer—Ephesians 3:14-19

**NKJV** "For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

#### 7. Romans 8:31-39

**NKJV** "What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to



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come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**TPT** “So, what does all this mean? If God has determined to stand with us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us? For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won’t withhold from us anything else he has to give. Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them— ‘Not guilty!’ Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly condemn us since he is continually praying *for our triumph*? Who could ever divorce us from the endless love of God’s Anointed One? *Absolutely no one!* For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish his love toward us. Troubles, pressures, and problems are unable to come between us and heaven’s love. What about persecutions, deprivations, dangers, and death threats? No, for they are all impotent to hinder omnipotent love, even though it is written: ‘All day long we face death threats for your sake, God. We are considered to be nothing more than sheep to be slaughtered!’ Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors, and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything! So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God’s love. I’m convinced that his love will triumph over death, life’s troubles, fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love. There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God’s passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!”

**PASTOR’S NOTE:** *Many Christians believe that God loves them, but they are not established in THIS LEVEL OF LOVE that flows from heaven to us.*



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#### D. Love For Others

1. Once we have understood the love of God for us, it is much easier to love others.
2. **1 John 4:11-12**  
ESV “Beloved, if God so loved **us**, **we also ought to love one another**. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and **his love is perfected in us.**”
3. His love enables me to love others in a way that this world’s love does not.
4. **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.”
5. **1 John 3:14**  
NKJV “We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother abideth in death.”

### III. THE LOVE OF GOD IN ME

#### A. It gives you the ability to love beyond natural affection.

- Jesus said: “*Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you.*” **Matthew 5:44 NKJV**

#### B. It changes how you respond when you are mistreated.

- Instead of allowing offense, bitterness, or retaliation to control you, agape provides another response.
- “*Love... is not provoked, thinks no evil*” **1 Corinthians 13:5 NKJV**

#### C. It causes you to seek the good of others.

- “*Love... does not seek its own.*” **1 Corinthians 13:5 NKJV**
- God's love moves you from “*What do I want?*” to “*What would benefit them?*”.



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**D. It enables you to forgive.**

- **Ephesians 4:32** says: *“forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”*
- God's love enables you to extend to others the mercy you have received.

**E. It enables you to speak truth without abandoning love.**

- Love isn't merely being agreeable, *“love... rejoices in the truth.”* **1 Corinthians 13:6 NKJV**
- God's love can correct, confront, and establish boundaries while still seeking another person's good.

**F. It produces patience and kindness.**

- *“Love suffers long and is kind.”* **1 Corinthians 13:4 NKJV**
- The love within you changes not only *what* you do but *how* you do it.

**G. It drives fear out of your relationship with God.**

- *“Perfect love casts out fear.”* **1 John 4:18 NKJV**
- As you become established in God's love for you, you no longer have to approach Him primarily through fear and insecurity.

**H. It becomes visible evidence of Christ in your life.**

- Jesus said, *“by this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”* **John 13:35 NKJV**
- The love of God in me gives me the capacity to respond to people the way God would respond, rather than simply reacting according to how they have treated me.