

***LOVE Overcomes*** March 10, 2024  
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***To help us ALL recognize, know, & experience the Love of God  
Not just hear about it or read about it or sing about it***

**1 John 3:16a** AMPC By this we come to know, progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand **the essential love**: that He laid down His own life for us...

***God's thoughts toward us are loving all the time!  
God, unconditionally loves us with all that He is & all that He has.***

***Jesus was content to come & die for us, we're not a burden. We're not a problem to God. Every time God thinks of us, He does so lovingly.***

**Jeremiah 31:3** "...I have *loved* you, My people, w/ an *everlasting love*. With *unfailing love* I have drawn you to Myself."

***God's powerful love overcomes. His love is victorious. His love wins.  
God's powerful love conquers. His love never fails. His love never fades.***

**John 13:1b** AMP ... Having greatly *loved* His own who were in the world, He *loved* them & continuously *loves* them w/ His perfect *love* to the end, eternally. (*He longed to show them the full measure of His love*)

***He loves you; He's w/ you; He's here for you; He accepts you;  
welcome home; He's not mad at you, He's madly in love w/ you.***

**1 John 4:7** TPT Those who are *loved* by God, let His *love* continually *pour from you* to one another, because **God is love**. Everyone who loves, is fathered by God & experiences an intimate knowledge of Him. 8 The one who doesn't love, has yet to know God, for God is love. 9 The light of God's love shined w/in us when He sent His matchless Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 10 This is love: He loved us *long before we loved Him*. It was *His love, not ours*. He proved it by sending His Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins. 11 Delightfully loved ones, if He loved us w/ such tremendous love,

then “loving one another” should be our way of life! 12 No one has ever gazed upon the fullness of God’s splendor. But if we love one another, God makes His permanent home in us & we make our permanent home in Him, & His love is brought to its full expression in us...

*While you were a sinner, His Love pursued you. Jesus died for you.*

*While you were in darkness, His Love shined on your heart.*

*His Love is brighter than the darkness that you may be facing.*

*His Love is more powerful than your fear, sin, guilt & shame.*

*Our God is Love, & His Love overcomes any obstacle in your life.*

**1 John 4:16** TPT We’ve come into an intimate experience w/ God’s love, & we trust in the love He has for us. God is love! Those who are living in love are living in God, & God lives through them. 17 By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world. 18 Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love’s perfection drives the fear *of punishment far* from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid has not reached love’s perfection. 19 Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us. 20 Anyone can say, “I love God,” yet have hatred toward another believer. This makes him a phony, because if you don’t love a brother or sister, whom you can see, how can you truly love God, whom you can’t see? 21 For He has given us this command: whoever loves God must also demonstrate love to others.

God’s Love shows great care; devotion, acceptance; thoughtfulness

*Love is not some sentimental feeling. It’s a sacrificial action. It means interrupting my schedule, spending my money, risking my reputation, ruining my property...for a stranger; so that I can do what’s best for them.*

**Romans 2:4** Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, & patient God is w/ you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that His kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? (...*lead you to repentance.*)

*Pastor Christian called us to, brute force love. “I’m loving you & you don’t have a choice.” Creative & uncompromising brute force love...*

*Let's give people new Christ encounters. Many people aren't interested in Jesus because there are other religions telling people who God is **OR** they've had negative impressions w/ Christians or churches **OR** the internet spreading misinformation. We need to show people Jesus. They need to see Jesus. They need to taste & see the Lord is good; experience the love of God & His invitation... through us, through our kindness.*

***Loving the hell out of people. Sharing & showing Jesus love.***

**John 13:34** Now I'm giving you a new commandment: **Love each other**. Just as I've loved you, you should love each other. <sup>35</sup> Your **love for one another** will prove to the world that you're My disciples.

*We know how to love; Jesus is our Blueprint & Cornerstone.*

*Jesus is our pattern for our "Love Walk".*

***So now, Jesus is our "Love Benchmark."***

**John 15:9** I've **loved** you even as the Father has loved Me. Remain in My love.<sup>10</sup> When you obey My commandments, you remain in My love, just as I obey My Father's commandments & remain in His love. <sup>11</sup> I've told you these things so that you'll be filled w/ My joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! <sup>12</sup> This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I've loved you.<sup>13</sup> There's **no greater love** than to lay down one's life for one's friend.

\*Love is sacrificial & selfless.

\*Love involves the lover acting on behalf of others.

\*Love costs the lover. The greatest love costs the most.

*Pastor Frank's Prayer for Kings Circle*

**Philippians 1:9** MSG This is my prayer: that **your love** will flourish & that you'll not only **love much, but well**. Learn to **love appropriately**. You need to use your head & test your feelings so that your **love is sincere & intelligent** not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect & exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of, bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory & praise of God.