

EXPERIENCING GOD
Unit 4 Love and God's Invitation
John 13-14
Week 5 September 29, 2019
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To properly deal with the circumstances of life you must do 2 essential things. You must recognize:

1. God is always at work around you, and
2. God is pursuing a love relationship with you that is real and personal.

GOD'S INVITATION IS FIRST AN INVITATION TO RELATIONSHIP

Do you have a relationship leading to salvation with God through Jesus our Savior?

The third essential to being a disciple of God is:

3. God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 NIV

The Great Commandment to love God with all or heart and soul and mind is added to with love one another even as Jesus has loved them as an example.

God loves us
We love God
We love one another

THE INVITATION IS TO FOLLOW JESUS

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6 NIV

This is an exclusive claim.

If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

9 Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. 11 Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves." John 14:7-11 NIV

When you act out of a motive of love, that love cannot be faked.

JESUS GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT

"If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you." John 14:15-17 NIV

We want to be in control of our lives and live without the rules of God to be inflicted on us.

KEEPING GOD'S COMMANDS

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." John 14:21 NIV

We begin with God loving us.

We then respond by loving God.

Walking with God and with God's help we work with God to keep His commands.

Now the command Jesus had on His mind when He was about to be arrested, tried, beaten and hung on a cross was that we should love one another. We are able to love one another because God has first loved us.

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