

Doctrinal Studies

God's Love

1. When we deal with God's love we are emphasizing the response of man to God's love as well as God's concern for man. There are three kinds of love:
 - A. Love of God
 - B. Love for companion
 - C. Love for friends
2. When a Christian moves by daily growth to a state of maturity, then this "Love relationship" is called Occupation with Christ (OWC) Deut 6:5 "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, soul and with all thy might". A person does not love God just because he is saved, born-again. Capacity to love God comes from acquaintance and knowledge – SWW
3. Since God is invisible we can only know and love Him by our knowledge of the person and work of the members of the God-head and that by means of the Truth of God in our souls.
4. A backslidden Christian cannot love God because he has no capacity. Regardless of feelings or emotions a person not filled with the Holy Spirit or consistent in Bible study does not love God. A person influenced by God's word or we are influenced by evil. To love God means to Know Him. To know Him means Christian growth. Growth means daily, deliberate, consistent, study of the Christian's Guide Book - the Bible. To love God requires determination and discipline. It is so sad that so many do not have stability. The only way a born-again believer can reach the high road of maturity and be able to enjoy the rich blessings of the expressway of God's grace is to have spiritual food every day. 1 Peter 1:8; Heb 6:10; 2 Tim 1:13-14
5. The standard of God's grace is consistent response. Ps 31:23; Ps 119:132.
6. Love of God is the foundation of abundance in the Christian life. 1 Cor 2:9; Is 64:4, 65:17. blessings come from God. If a person is influenced by the Bible, and thinks as God thinks, he will be blessed. A person influenced by evil will have a miserable life cursing and discipline. Ps 37:4-5 "Delight (make love, to take a delight in someone) thyself in the Lord and He will give..."
7. God's love is the reason for national prosperity as well as personal prosperity. Deut 30:15-16
8. God's love brings courage and victory. Josh 23:10-11
9. Believers are cursed by rejecting God's love. 1 Cor 16:22 "If anyone love not (philo) the Lord, let him be a cursed (anathema-maranatha, which is Aramaic meaning - cursed, until the Lord comes)" If a person is not influenced by the Bible, he is influenced by evil and under a curse.
10. God's love brings strength for pressure and adversity. Heb 11:27 Moses was strong under pressure.
11. God's love and love for God results in effective witnessing. 2 Cor 5:14