



**is King over all the earth**

— Psalm 47:7 —





**We have been speaking about ...**

**Kingdom health ... being whole and complete**  
(man's original created position)

**That whole and completeness is found only in Christ**  
(Col. 2:10 – in Christ dwell of the fullness of God ... we are complete in Him)  
(Eph. 3:19 - to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.)

**The position of being whole and complete is the position of SANCTIFICATION**  
(1 Thess. 5:23)

Being sanctified or Holy ... which is to be like Christ (1 Pet. 1:16) ... is the NEWNESS of life of being in Christ.

**THIS NEWNESS OF LIFE IS EXPERIENCED ONLY IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD ...** Not in the world.

This is a new heart condition ... **FROM HARDNESS OF HEART ... TO PURITY OF HEART.**  
(SAME AS HOLINESS)

ONE WHO IS HOLY ... IS PURE IN HEART ...

PURITY OF HEART ... OUT OF THE HARDNESS OF THE HEART IS A PROCESS OF TRANSFORMATION ... (renewing the mind)

This sets us free to walk in the perfect will of God ... being led by the spirit as true sons (fulfilling the purposes of God)

## **Abiding in Christ is THE ONENESS OF LOVE**

**<sup>5</sup> “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ... <sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. ~ John 15:5,7,8**

## **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)**

**Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.**



**Our confidence in the reality of God's continual presence lies in our reverence for God. ...**

IF WE HAVE NO REVERECE FOR GOD WE WILL NOT HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OR AWARENESS OF HIS CONTINUAL PRESENCE WITH US.

KINGDOM THINKING is ... that we must desire the things of God more than anything we desire for ourselves. (others also)

## **John 13:33-35 (NKJV)**

**33 "Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you.**

**34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

**35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

Jesus was saying that from the time I said to you ... FOLLOW ME ... people came to know who you were.

Luke 22- when Peter denies Christ ... (The servant girl said) "This man was also with Him." (57) But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him."

Lord Jesus' disciples were identified by their association with Him ...

For 3 years ... They followed Him ... ate with Him ... served Him ... etc. IT WAS CLEAR WHO His disciples were.

Now He's telling them He is about to leave ... (no longer be with them ... no more physical association)

NOW THAT I WILL BE GONE ... THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES ...

NOT BELIEVERS IN ME ...

**James 2:19** - You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!

Jesus seems to make clear we can all profess publicly a faith we don't possess personally –

**Matt. 7:21-23** - “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’

A STRIKING THING ...

Nowhere throughout the epistle and letters of John does He refer to the love of Jesus for you or me ...BUT THE LOVE OF GOD.

Nowhere in 21 chapters of John’s gospel or His 3 epistles does he ever talk about the love of Jesus for us ...

Over and over again He writes about the love of the father ... the love of God ...

## 1 John 4: 10-11 (NKJV)

**10** In this is love, not that we loved God,  
but that He loved us and sent His Son to  
be the propitiation for our sins.

**11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also  
ought to love one another.

[ If God so loved us, we ought to see the  
unlimited value in ourselves and each other. ]

WHY the change from love as Christ loves to love as God loves?

THIS IS SOME DECADES LATER (after the last supper) ... John comes to the revelation that he walked with God.

**John 1:1** - In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the world was God. ... AND TH Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory.

It was God incarnate that told us to love each other ...

We sat with God at that last supper ...

For three years we walked with God ...

By not highlighting the love of Jesus was not taking away it's relevance, but actually maximizing Christ's love by showing to be the same love of the Father. (because they are one)

John's revelation was ... **THE LOVE OF JESUS IS THE LOVE OF GOD** ... (1<sup>st</sup> important observation)

Every act of Jesus was the act of the Father ...

The 1<sup>st</sup> Epistle of John takes the commandment – “Love like I love and makes it –

“Love like God loves.” BECAUSE THEY ARE ONE AND THE SAME.

(Back to the new commandment ...)

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[ Loving one another the way Christ loves us is  
the mark of a disciple who has learnt self-denial. ]

**Because all will know we are disciples of Christ by our love for one another ...  
... they will know and believe that He is the WAY, TRUTH AND LIFE ...**

...how people will KNOW ... TRUE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST?

The question God is asking through John is **NOT** ...

How will people know

- ... we are followers of Jesus Christ
- ... we re aligned with christianity
- ... go to a bible believing church
- ... you are part of the christian faith
- ... bear the name of Christ

THE QUESTION IS ...

HOW WILL PEOPLE KNOW YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN A NEW HEART OF LOVE FOR God  
and His followers.

HOW WOULD PEOPLE KNOW WE ARE AUTHENTIC...?

To understand the phrase ... **"BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW"** ... lets look at 5 references  
the epistle of 1 John.

Listen for John 13:35 in the references of 1 John...

**HOW WILL ALL PEOPLE KNOW?! ... WE ARE AUTHENTIC SONS OF GOD!**

**1 John 4:7 (NKJV)**

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**1 John 3:14 (NKJV)**

**We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.**

Everyone born of God ... loves ... and knows God. ... (it is noticeable ... We can see that you are real)

**1 John 3:10 (NKJV)**

**In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.**

**1 John 4:8 (NKJV)**

**He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

In this = it is evident. ... we can tell who is of God...

The one who does not love ... is not of God. (is not real)

## **1 John 2:9-10 (NKJV)**

**9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.**

**[ If the church is to become one,  
we all must abide in Christ;  
that we may love one another. ]**

God is teaching us very clearly ...

That by loving one another proves that we are real disciples.

ALL people will know that...

...we are a child of God

... that we are born of God

...that we know god

That we are in the light

...that we have passed from death to life

Not because we go to church ... call the name of jesus ... or carry a bible ... (none of these qualify us)

ONLY ... by loving one another.

## **1 John 3:23 (NKJV)**

**And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.**

## **Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)**

**For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.**

One commandment ... TO BELIEVE AND TO LOVE!

Love and faith are inseparable ...

People will know we are authentic ... the real deal... that because of our love for God and each other, AND we live by faith.

Love is the fruit of our attachment to Christ ... LOVE BECOMES THE VALIDATION THAT WE ARE REAL!

Faith is the fruit of love...

**COULD IT BE THAT WE LACK THE FAITH WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ... BECAUSE WE LACK THE LOVE WE OUGHT TO HAVE?**

**Why does loving each other validate being a real disciple?** (what is it about loving each that enables others to know that we are real and united to Christ and each other ... that we are saved)

I think we can find that answer when we examine **what is new about the new commandment.**

## **Leviticus 19:18 (NKJV)**

**You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any  
grudge against the children of your people,  
but you shall love your neighbor as yourself:  
I am the Lord.**

God has always required that we love  
one another. But now it is only in Christ,  
could man love the way God loves.

THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE OTHERS IS NOT NEW IN AND OF ITSELF?

The NEWNESS of the new commandment is ... **AS I LOVE YOU** ... (that's the way to love)

Never has it happened in the history of creation (nor will it ever happen again) where GOD himself became a sacrifice for humanity ... His creation

(Greatness condescending to depths of sacrifice ...)

THIS IS NEW .... **God becomes flesh and walked as a man on the earth and by displaying LOVE for his people ... gives His life for them.**

## **1 John 2: 7-8 (NKJV)**

**7 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from the beginning.**

**8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining.**

**AGAIN = at the same time**

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is no cause for stumbling in him.

Being true in Him and in us ... validated by the light we share in the new  
commandment ... speaks of an intimate connection ... a oneness ... a sameness ...

## **John 15: 12-13 (NKJV)**

**12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

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**ARE WE REALLY DISCIPLES OF CHRIST ...?**

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...conveniences ... making time / giving of your resources / reaching out even when its difficult / **dying to self to serve one another**

**Are we offended by anyone in church? ... holding any grudges ...?**

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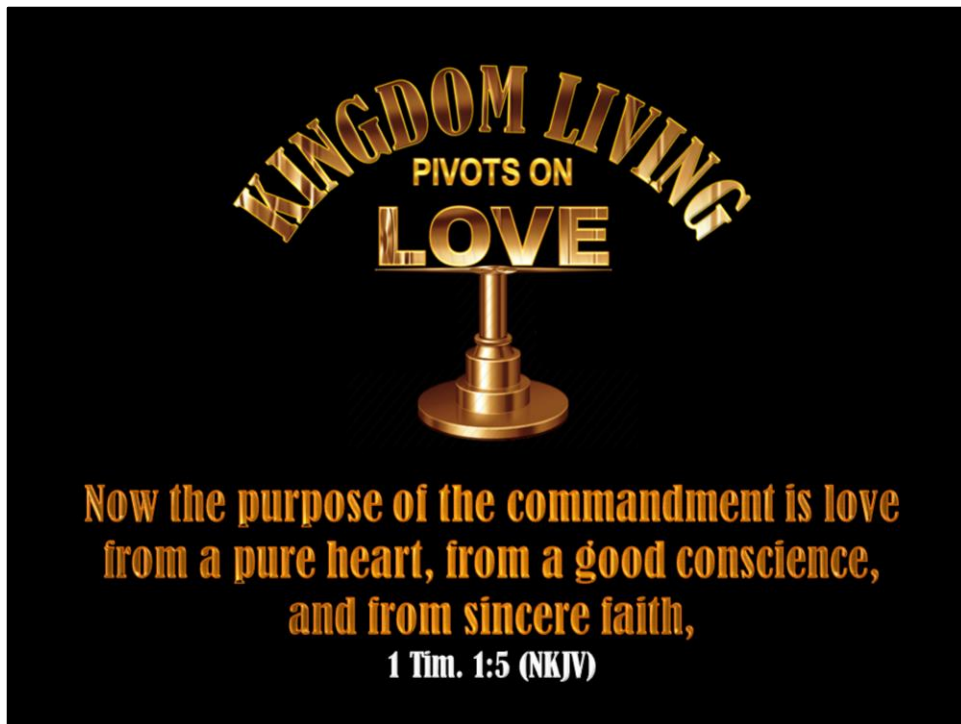
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**Matthew 5: 44-45 (NKJV)**

**44** But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;

Above all things ... have love for one another ... that you would not judge each other.

JUDGING ONE ANOTHER ... IS A MAJOR WEDGE OF DIVISION AMONG HUMANITY.



Pray that ...

We would gain a deeper understanding of your love for us ...

... and learn to love each other the way you have loved us

... that we would be knitted together in love

... that you love would be manifested in us and we would remain united to you love like branches to a vine

... that our love for each other would not be a labour ... but a free flow from our heart... where you dwell.