

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

LESSON 24: DEVELOPING THE GOD KIND OF LOVE

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➤ **FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES:**

- 1 John 3:1
 - 1 John 3:1 [*Weymouth's Translation*] See what marvelous love the Father has bestowed upon us--that we should be called God's children: and that is what we are. For this reason the world does not recognize us--because it has not known Him.
 - 1 John 3:1 [*Amplified Classic Version*] SEE WHAT [*an incredible*] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [*be permitted to*] be named *and* called *and* counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.
 - 1 John 3:1 [*The Message*] What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who he is or what he's up to.
- James 1:25 = the Perfect Law of Liberty is the Covenant Words of God: The Holy Bible
- James 2:8 = The Royal Law of God's Kingdom is walking in Love

I. To Walk in Love is to Walk in the Highest Spiritual Realm there is!

- a. We are to Walk “even as” He (Jesus) walked
 - i. Ephesians 5:1-2
 - 1. Verse 1: followers = imitators
 - 2. Verse 2: “walk in Love”
 - ii. To Walk is a Daily Conduct
- b. We have been given the same Spiritual Capacity as Jesus – therefore we are responsible for it
 - i. When Stephen was stoned, he said the same things Jesus said
 - ii. Acts 7:54-60
 - iii. Stephen learned by waiting on tables (Deacon)

II. The Royal Law of Love

- a. James 2:8 (9-12)
 - i. Verse 9: Respect = treat only the people you like with love, while others are disdained (despised, looked down on: "I'm better than you")
- b. The Spiritual Force of Love is the highest level of Law, Spiritually, that there is
 - i. The law of sin and death is the lowest level of law: this is where Satan operates
 - 1. Anger to hatred to bitterness: these all stop the law of love from being effective
- c. Galatians 5:6 = Faith works by Love
 - i. For Faith to operate Love has to be in full operation

III. We are Born of God (God IS Love)

- a. 1 John 4:16
- b. Whatsoever is born of Love overcomes the World
 - i. 1 John 5:4
- c. "for the Lord is Good and His Mercy endures forever" – Psalm 107:1
- d. John 13:34-35 = we need a revival of Love in the Church
- e. Romans 5:5 = the kind of Love God is, is shed abroad in our Hearts by the Holy Spirit
- f. 1 John 4:8, 16

IV. The Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit

- a. He is in there, so Love is in there (in our Spirit Being)
 - i. Romans 5:5 [1 John 3:14-15]
- b. Confession of that Love will bring it out
 - i. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
 - ii. Acts 7:60 = This is what was in Stephen's heart, and out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks: Matthew 12:34