

## RECEIVING GOD'S LOVE

You are uniquely special to God.

You were special even before you were formed in the womb, before you did anything, good or bad.

It's not based on anything you do.

You are also uniquely loved by God.

You are also uniquely gifted and uniquely called.

God wants you to know His love, not only in your mind, but also in your heart.

God wants you to **feel** loved by Him.

He wants us to be transformed by His love, to be changed by His love.

We need to receive God's love before we can flow rightly in the gifts of the Spirit.

God is love.

We should find our identity in His love, find our security in His love, find our giftedness in His love.

Knowing the love of God is paramount.

Satan wants to stop us from feeling loved by God.

He probably is doing a very good job of it in this world.

Satan wants you to feel guilty and ashamed, to feel like you need to hide from God.

Just like Satan made Adam & Eve feel when they hid in the garden.

Yet God sought them out.

Satan wants to put his own evil desires inside of us, then he doesn't even have to tempt us anymore.

Satan wants to put up barriers between us and God's love.

Probably the biggest barrier to God's love is sin, but thank God, sin has been paid for.

When you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and savior you are forgiven, you are saved!

When you sin, God still loves you.

But we are not to use that as an excuse to sin and abuse the grace of God.

When we sin, we need to run to God, not away from Him.

We have to confess our sin to God and repent, which means to turn away from that sin.

If we don't bring our sin to our heavenly Father, it will put a barrier between us and God and we will not feel loved by Him.

Satan can also take a stronghold in our emotions and that can be a barrier to God's love.

But those barriers can be removed.

God wants you to understand and experience how great His love is for you.

God's love is meant to fill us with the measure of the fullness of God.

If we don't have that, we are missing out on what God wants us to have, we are missing out on something that is essential.

Evangelism should flow naturally out of the fullness of the love of God inside of us.

But we must remove any barriers we have put up or allowed the enemy to put up, before we can know God's love.

If those barriers come back, we have go back to God and repent again and keep repenting until it's gone for good.

We need to get close to God and stay close to Him, we need to abide in Him.

Barriers to God's love include sin, hurt, rejection, fear, depression, hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment and jealousy.

God's love is our life-line.

Everything we do needs to flow out of God's love.

Our victory is in God's love.

Nothing you can do can keep God from loving you.

The problem is never a question of God loving us, the problem is always with us being able to receive His love.

There is no fear in love.

If we are made perfect in love, we can be free from fear, even fear of death.

Love is both a feeling and a commitment.

1. God wants us to know and rely on His love.
2. God's perfect love will drive out fear.
3. God's love will empower us to love with feeling and commitment.

I will love you with an everlasting love. You are troubled by many things that do not trouble my love for you. Come to me and let me love you again. Let us remove the barriers to my love so that you will know the joy of living. I delight myself in you. You are my beloved.

## SCRIPTURE LIST

Jeremiah 1:5

1 John 3:1 (not 3:3)

Zephaniah 3:17

John 8:44

John 3:16

1 Peter 5:6-7

James 1:14-15

Romans 8:37-39

Psalm 86:15

Ephesians 3:16-19

Ephesians 2:4-5

1 John 4:13-21

John 8:34-36

Romans 5:8

1 John 1:9