

^[1] Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world to the Father, having **LOVED** His own who were in the world, He **LOVED** them to the end.

[John 13:1]

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS UNCHANGEABLE!

Did you see who in this verse it was whom Jesus **LOVED**? It was those who were “His own who were in the world.” And did you also see for how long Jesus **LOVED** those who were “His own”? That’s right, “He **LOVED** them to the end.”

Before moving on, consider with me John 13:34-35, where Jesus said **SPIRITUAL LOVE IS UNCHANGEABLE.**

^[34] “A new commandment I give to you, that you **LOVE** one another, even 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.”

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS DIVINE LOVE!

We learn this in John 15:9-10, where Jesus said,

^[9] “Just as the Father has **LOVED** Me, I have also **LOVED** you; **ABIDE** in My **LOVE**. ^[10] **IF** you keep My commandments, you will **ABIDE** in My **LOVE**; just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and **ABIDE** in His **LOVE**.”

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS SELF-SACRIFICING!

Jesus made this truth clear when in John 15:13-14 He said,

^[13] “Greater **LOVE** has no one than this, that someone lay down their life for their friends. ^[14] You are My friends, **IF** you do what I command you.”

Together with this, also consider what the Holy Spirit moved Paul to say in Ephesians 5:1-2 which says,

^[1] Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children; ^[2] and **WALK IN LOVE**, just as Christ also **LOVED** you, and gave Himself up for us, an **OFFERING** and a **SACRIFICE** to God as a fragrant aroma.

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS INSEPARABLE!

We learn this in Romans 8:35-39 where Paul was moved to say,

^[35] Who will **SEPARATE** us from the **LOVE** of Christ? Will tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril, or sword? ^[36] Just as it is written, “FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED.”¹

^[37] **BUT** in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who **LOVED** us. ^[38] **FOR** I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ^[39] nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to **SEPARATE** us from the **LOVE** of God, **WHICH IS IN** Christ Jesus our Lord.

¹ Sited from Psalm 44:22.

SPIRITUAL LOVE CONTROLS US!

We learn this in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, where the Holy Spirit moved Paul to explain when he said, ^[14] **FOR** the **LOVE** of Christ **CONTROLS US**, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ^[15] and He died for all, that they who live **SHOULD NO LONGER LIVE FOR THEMSELVES**, **BUT FOR Him WHO DIED and ROSE AGAIN ON THEIR BEHALF**.

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS SACRIFICIAL!

We learn this through what Paul said, when he spoke figuratively in Galatians 2:20, to say, “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, **BUT** Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

SPIRITUAL LOVE IS DEMONSTRATED BY CHRIST’S DEATH!

We learn this in John 3:16, where John is moved by the Holy Spirit to say, “**FOR** God **SO LOVED** the world, that He **GAVE His only begotten Son**, that **WHOEVER BELIEVES INTO Him SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE**.”

So, in closing, please listen to what the Holy Spirit asks us to do in 1 John 4:7-11, which is, ^[7] Beloved, let us **LOVE** one another, **FOR LOVE** is from God; and everyone who **LOVES** is born of God and knows God. ^[8] The one who **DOES NOT LOVE** does not know God, for God **IS LOVE**. ^[9] By this the **LOVE** of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ^[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.

Lord willing, I hope you will join me here again tomorrow, when we will consider the blessings of Christ’s love!

Please meditate and pray on these things!

Will you please now join me in prayer?

Loving Father, I come before You Today giving You thanksgiving and praise for teaching us that Spiritual Love is an unchangeable and Divine love, which is self-sacrificing and is an inseparable love that controls us. Thank You for also teaching us that Spiritual Love is also a sacrificial love and is also a love that is demonstrated by Christ’s death on the Cross! For all of these teachings, I give You thanksgiving and praise for helping us to understand these characteristics of Spiritual Love. I now give You thanksgiving in prayer in the Name of Christ the Lord. Amen!

Louise and I pray this will help to both enlighten and encourage you to **know in a greater way** the **One** Who promises in His Word to never leave you nor forsake you [Hebrews 13:5; Deuteronomy 31:6, 8]!

*BECAUSE OF ALL THAT MAKES SPIRITUAL LOVE ALL THAT IT IS,
I SEEK TO PRACTICE SPIRITUAL LOVE! – tom*