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In World War II, Nazi Germany launched a series of air raids against the city of London. During those bombings the residents of London would evacuate their homes and businesses and take cover in designated underground shelters.

On one particular night of bombings, a woman was missing from her neighborhood shelter. A

few days later some of her neighbors saw her and asked if everything were all right.

“Everything’s fine,” she replied.

“Then why weren’t you in the shelter the other night?” they asked.

“It’s smelly down there,” she said, “and I don’t like it.”

“Aren’t you afraid the bombs will get you?” her friends asked.

“Oh, no,” she said confidently. “I read the scripture where it says my God neither slumbers nor sleeps. So I decided there was no use in us both being awake. I just prayed, ‘Lord, I praise You, I thank You and I place myself in Your love—and I’m not going to that shelter anymore.’”

Now there was a believer with a revelation of God’s love that allowed her to overcome fear and roll the care of her well-being over on God.

As it turned out, just a few days later, enemy aircraft came through and bombed that neighborhood, leveling every house. Every house, that is, except the woman's who had chosen to remain in the comfort of her home...and in the comfort of God's love.

You'll Know When It's True Love

As God's beloved and anointed children, it's amazing that we have not taken greater advantage of our authority and security that lies in the love of God, as this woman in London did.

Instead, through our ignorance and man-made, religious doctrines, we've allowed the devil to oppress us and keep us

in all kinds of bondage. And all because of fear.

You may be wondering what possible connection there is between God's love for you and having no fear. That connection is found in 1 John 4:

Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear... (verses 15-18).

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there is no fear. Not an ounce.

What's more, that love—which
leaves no room for fear—dwells
in us. So neither
should there be any
fear in us. After
all, we've not been
given a spirit of
fear, "but of power,
and of love..."
(2 Timothy 1:7).

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For fear to enter
the heart of a believer, it must
come from the outside, from the
fear-infested world in which we
live. And that's where *knowing* and
believing the love of God comes
into play for us.

Just moments before Jesus went
to the cross, He prayed specifically
for us:

That they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.... And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:23, 26).

The reason Jesus gave up His place in glory, came to earth, took on the limitations of human flesh, then went to the cross and suffered and died, was so He could make that transaction: “that the love wherewith You [God] loved Me [Jesus] may be in them [us].”

God loves us with the same love with which He loves Jesus. And if He loves us to that degree, then He will certainly protect us to

that degree. But we have to know and believe His love.

You knew the love of God the moment you were born again. It was, in fact, love that re-created you. It was love that delivered you from the power of darkness, and translated you into the kingdom of His dear Son or “the Son of His love” as it is literally translated (Colossians 1:13).

But how well do you know that love?

“Well, I know God loves me, Brother Copeland. But I wouldn’t go so far as to say He loves me just like He loves Jesus.”

Then you’re not walking in His love by faith. You’re falling back on what your flesh—and probably the devil—is telling you.

The times you don’t *feel* God’s presence or *feel* God’s love, those

are the very times you had better believe He's there and believe His love for you. Otherwise, your flesh will let you down. Your mind will let you down. And Satan will use everything he can to pressure and push you away from the love of God.

I don't care how "spiritually dry" you might *feel*. That doesn't change a thing. The Word says the same thing today as it said yesterday. And it says, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1).

The Word is God. And God is Love. So the Word is Love.

Get up every day determined to let only the Word—Love—tell you what you feel—not your flesh, not your circumstances and certainly not the devil. Listen to Love tell you, "I will never leave thee,

nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

Remember, when we have known and believed the love of God, *“Herein is our love made perfect...”* (1 John 4:17).

The Perfect Love Story

Another aspect of our love being perfected is found in 1 John 2:4-5: “He that saith, I know him [I know God, I know Jesus, I know Love], and keepeth not his [God’s] commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his [God’s] word, in him verily is the love of God perfected.”

When you keep God’s Word, you allow the love of God to run its full course in your life. You reach that place of allowing God to do on the inside of you

what He had in mind when He created Adam. It's what He was in Jesus. And that's exactly what He plans to be in you.

But notice that the key to being perfected in God's love is tied to keeping His commandments—His Word. First John 3:23 says: “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.”

This verse refers to the commandment Jesus gave to His disciples: “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you...” (John 13:34).

Love one another as I have loved you...

“We can't do that, Jesus!”

Of course we can't. That's why

1 John 3:23 precedes the commandment to love with “Believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ...”

Then we can love one another.

That changes the complexion of this thing. It takes love out of the emotional realm and puts it in the spiritual realm. In other words, it's going to take believing on the Name of Jesus the Anointed One to be able to love one another the way He did. It's going to take faith.

Also realize from these two passages that we're talking about a *commandment* from Jesus. If He commanded us to love, then somehow He must have equipped us to do it.

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Besides, Jesus doesn't love us with some human form of love. He loves us with the love of God—and that's not just any love.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus used a Greek word for *love* that was as uncommon as He was. It's the word we know as *agape*.

The people of Jesus' day didn't really understand that word because it was not used in conversation, but primarily in classic writings and so forth.

We find *agape* used in the writings of the Apostle Paul, particularly in that great passage on love, 1 Corinthians 13. But even the English translators translated love as "charity," which is closer to the true meaning because charity is more than just love.

Charity is actually a love that has a driving desire to give. So

agape, as used by Jesus, is more than just loving one another. It is loving one another to the point that you are willing to give yourself.

“I Do...”

In John 21:15-17, Jesus asked Peter three times, “Do you love Me?” or “Do you *agape* Me?” Peter had to answer three times before he got it right because he was trying to answer Jesus in the language of the day. He just didn’t understand what Jesus was asking.

Agape is the key to the command to love. It’s the key to loving as Jesus loved.

To get the love of God—the *agape* kind of love—over to mankind, Jesus entered into a blood covenant with God. With the

sacrifice of His own blood, Jesus said, “I *agape!*”

To *agape* is an act of the will. It is a spoken covenant from which there is no retreat, and about which there is no debate.

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So you can get in it and receive it by partaking of His covenant, or you can stay on the outside of it and go straight to hell. Either way, God will love you all the way there because the covenant has

been made. He said, *I love!* And that was that.

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But without the help of God, we don't have the natural ability to love unconditionally. And He

doesn't expect us to keep the commandment to love by our flesh—our natural man. That's where the old covenant was a problem. The children of Israel demonstrated just how weak this flesh really is.

Today, however, we have the blood of Jesus, His Name that is above every name and the Spirit of Almighty God dwelling inside us. That's Love Himself living in us. All we have to do is make the decision to keep the commandment. God will take care of the rest.

But if we don't commit to the commandment to love, we face the consequences in 1 John 2:10-11: "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth,

because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.”

Come Out of the Dark

Pure and simple...hate is strife. But our idea of hate is that surge of emotion—*rage*—just before you decide whether or not to do serious damage to someone because you're angry with them. But, not so.

When Adam was changed from life to death, his faith turned into fear. And the love of God inside him turned into hate because he was now connected to Satan.

Yes, there are different degrees of hate, but it's all still hate. And the slightest bit of it is just as mean and dangerous as the highest degree of it.

You may not be out to kill

someone, but you're killing yourself. Because that's what hate will do. It will not only ruin your day, but it will age you and ultimately kill you.

I'm talking about all those little hateful things someone might think, say or do, all day long, never realizing what's actually happening. It's that strife that builds and builds—all day long, all week long, your whole life long.

That's where you need to repent and deal with those things the moment they pop up. Don't even allow the smallest grain of hate—or strife—to remain in your spirit. Because, keep in mind, we're dealing with fear here. We're dealing with the spiritual connection to death (Hebrews 2:14-15).

So walking around with hatred in your heart toward your brother is not going to perfect the love

of God in your life—the love that casts out all fear.

No, 1 John 2:11 says strife will throw you out in the dark.

And what's out in the dark? Fear.

The moment fear presents itself to you in any shape or form, realize that you don't have a fear problem. Your problem is in fulfilling the commandment to love as Jesus loved.

Maybe you shot your mouth off at someone when you shouldn't have. Or you are holding on to something someone said or did that hurt you, and have not forgiven them—or have refused to forgive them.

The point is, get before God and judge yourself. Ask Him to reveal the problem and take the time to deal with it...immediately.

Then commit to the love walk.

That means loving the person you have problems with—oftentimes, by faith.

As you do, the love of God will be perfected in you. And all fear will be cast out. Then it won't be long until you'll be falling in love...the love that never leaves you, nor forsakes you...the love that casts out all fear and never leaves you in the dark. It's the love that never fails.

Prayer for Salvation and Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

I am now reborn! I am a Christian—a child of Almighty God! I am saved! You also said in Your Word, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: HOW MUCH MORE shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (Luke 11:13). I'm also asking You to fill me with the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up within me as I praise God. I fully expect to speak with other tongues as You give me the utterance

(Acts 2:4). In Jesus' Name. Amen!

Begin to praise God for filling you with the Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive—not in your own language, but the language given to you by the Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak. Don't be concerned with how it sounds. It is a heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit every day.

You are a born-again, Spirit-filled believer. You'll never be the same!

Find a good church that boldly preaches God's Word and obeys it. Become part of a church family who will love and care for you as you love and care for them.

We need to be connected to each other. It increases our strength in God. It's God's plan for us.

Make it a habit to watch the *Believer's Voice of Victory* television broadcast and become a doer of the Word, who is blessed in his doing (James 1:22-25).

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