

What would it be like to live in a world without fear? The world gives us a view of power through fear: authority, control and manipulation. We are under the pressure of controlling agendas from almost everywhere in life. But Jesus Christ demonstrated the true art of power when He came into the world with God's freeing agenda of Love...

The Art of True Power

(Walking skilfully and mindfully in the love of God shed abroad in our hearts)

Matthew 20:25 - 28 (NKJV) ²⁵But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. ²⁶Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— ²⁸just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

A. **Jesus contrasts two very different "systems" of power:** Domination through Authority vs Service through Love.

- "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great **exercise authority over them.**"
- The world's idea of power is CONTROL through power.
- Along with CONTROL is someone's AGENDA for your life.
- We need to become AGENDA – FREE, except for the Loving agenda of God: to love us into freedom!
- "Yet **it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.**"

B. **The world wields power through the domination of Fear.**

- The world has nothing to give the spirit of man, so it has to control outwardly through fear!
- Fear is a SPIRIT
- Uses power to control, manipulate, agenda-ize.
- God says that in love there is no "fear of punishment"
- **John 4:16-18** "And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment("punishment" – NIV). But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

C. **God demonstrates power through serving in Love.**

- God fills our spirit with Himself as Love and this inward RESOURCE enables us to live as God would.
- John 3:16 – God's Agenda is to LOVE the world back to restoration through His Son.

D. **We are called to walk in the ART of Jesus's kingdom Power: LOVE**

- John 13:34-35 – "A **NEW commandment I give...**"
- Jesus came to demonstrate God's True Power to the world: LOVE!
- This is the true mark of His Kingdom people! (v. 35)

E. Our Greatest Stewardship with the planet: **God's Love is shed abroad in our hearts!**

- **Romans 5:5 (NKJV)** ⁵Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
- **We can live as a new breed of people in the earth! Live the agenda of God's love!**
- "**Love never fails**" – 1 Cor 13:8a

Sparking a Collective Awakening for the last Great Revival

John 13:34 - 35 (NKJV) ³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

1 John 2:8 (NKJV) ⁸Again, 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.

INTRODUCTION

A. The Last Great Revival will be an Awakening to the Love of God.

- **Rev 2:4-5** – Love was the first thing to go; it will be the last to be restored. It will set the "candlestick" back in His presence!
- A revelation of the love of God is the highest revelation there is because it is a revelation of God Himself.
- A revelation of Love gives us (1) insight into God Himself (*not just His works*) and (2) the REASON behind His works.
- The world has known a Word revival, charismatic revival, faith revival, healing revival, etc. The Last great revival will not be about God's works, but about God Himself: a revival of walking in the Love of God.
- How God revealed Himself to Moses: Exod 34:6 (NIV)

B. Jesus commands us to walk in love as the ultimate power of witness to the world.

- John 13:34-35.
- ³⁵By **this** all will know that you are My disciples...."
- John 15:12 - *This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*
- The idea, "Leave the church and reach the lost" does not have its basis in God's Way. It's "BE the TRUE church and the lost will know Him through our community witness."

C. The love of God is already within you as the "True Light" of your Identity to shine.

- Rom 5:5 – "poured out" = filled up, spilling over, providing abundance!
- **1 John 2:8** (NKJV) *"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."*
- Love is "true... in you"
- And it is shining and causing the darkness to pass away!

D. The path of the righteous is heading to the "perfect day" of kingdom manifestation.

(Prov 4:18)

- *"But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day."*
- Walking in Love is the shining of God's Light; the "perfect day" will be the time of God's kingdom manifested on earth!
- You are here to manifest and help bring in a kingdom! (*Do you see the nobility of your calling?!*)
- Luke 22:29 - *I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me*

E. The Lord's kingdom is a kingdom of Love.

- Religious agenda's around the world are the cause of war. They are based on standards of morality,

righteousness, law, social order, etc. But they are not God's CENTER.

- The CENTER of God is Love: **Rev. 5:6**
- God's agenda is His LOVE IN CHRIST for all people.

Ground: Love is the greatest witness of God's kingdom.

Path: A church rooted and grounded in the Love of God...

Fruit: ...will unveil and express God's fullness as a witness to the nations

How to spark

a collective awakening

for the last great revival

1. Know the church's Great Call: Rooted and Grounded in Love and Manifesting God's Fullness

Ephesians 3:14 - 21 (NKJV) ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly

abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

- A. In this one prayer Paul grasps the entire scope of God's Economy in the earth.
- In God's family (14-15)
 - Spiritually growing (16)
 - Christ dwelling in us in experience (17)
 - Grounded in Love with all the saints together (17-18)
 - Filled with God (19)
 - His abundant, exceeding work in us (20)
 - To Him glory (21)
 - AND ALL OF THIS PROCESS IS ROOTED AND ACCOMPLISHED BY LOVE.
- B. **Instead of searching out signs and wonders, the church should become rooted and grounded in Love to fulfill God's plans.**
- We itch for the spectacular rather than the true way of Love.
 - How do we answer to God's economy of Himself dispensing Himself into us? We walk in love with the rest of the saints.
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- C. **Four levels of the spiritual life revealed here:**
- ¹⁶**that** He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man
 - ¹⁷**that** Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith
 - ^{17b}**that** you, being rooted and grounded in love
 - ¹⁹**that** you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
 - In the spirit, Christ in the heart, rooted in love, filled with God.
 - Where are you in the process.

- D. **Where are those who understand this HIGH CALLING?**
- Christians seem to want to do almost anything other than get down to the business of walking in Love as a commandment.
 - Our true satisfaction will only come in discovering that we are born and made of Love.
- E. Will we give God what His heart longs for? (*A church rooted and grounded in His love and manifesting His fullness*)

2. Develop your Faith in God's Love

1 John 4:15 - 16 (NKJV) ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

- A. **The root issue to faith is Love.** (*If we believe God loves us, we will believe His word, work and promises*).
- Gal 5:6
 - People struggle with faith because they struggle with believing God loves them first.
 - Believing the Love of God is the tap root of all other faith.
 - **John 17:23 (NKJV)** *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*
 - Do you believe this.

- B. **Develop your faith in God's love by confessing your place in Christ.**
- God's love for us is found and experienced in Christ.
 - To know God's love for you, know your place in Christ.
 - Do not see yourself through any other eyes but God's eyes: He sees you in Christ!
- C. **Developing Love requires two things: Capacity and Choice.**
- The CAPACITY of love is as big as God is. Your spirit is connected to God in Christ and is FULL of His love.
 - But we need to daily make the CHOICE to walk in that capacity.
 - There is no problem with your capacity of spirit. But the capacity of your soul may be restricted because you are not choosing to walk in love practically day by day.
 - New birth gives you the capacity to love. The Choice is up to you.
- D. **Four important aspects to develop yourself in the Love of God:**
1. Put God's word first place: obey the command to love (do not be led by feelings). (*John 15:12*)
 2. Put your spirit first place (*2 Tim 1:7*)
 3. Meditate on scriptures concerning God's love for you in Christ. (*Philemon 1:6*)
 4. Make a quality decision to walk in love and not be offended. (*1 Pet 4:8*)
- E. **Fight the enemies strongholds with the divine weapon of Love.**
- **2 Corinthians 10:4 (NKJV)** ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
- F. **Let love never ends: 1 Cor 13:8**

3. Practice the God Kind of Love and build your soul's capacity.

Ephesians 5:1 - 2 (NKJV) ¹Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- A. Imitate God and walk in love.
 - Example of Stephen – Acts 7:54-60
- B. Take your place in this world: as Christ is, so are we (*1 John 4:16-17*)
- C. You don't have to create the Love (it is in there), you just have to learn to give it "headship" in your life.
- D. Eph 4:25-32. Put on the new man and live in line with that nature.
- E. You have a new spirit with the capacity to be filled with the new wine of God's love. (*Mark 2:22*)
 - **Mark 2:22 (NKJV)** *"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine bursts the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine must be put into new wineskins."*
- F. Put your light on its stand! (*Luke 8:16*)

- G. John 15:9-11. Abide in the Love and know a life of Joy!

4. Keep Yourself in Love... no matter what

Jude 1:21 (NKJV) ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

- A. **We have to stay in Love until it changes our lifestyle.**
- B. **Stay in your "divine bomb shelter"!** (*Jude 21*)
- C. *Rom 8:35-39*. **You can overcome any obstacle if you stay in Love.**
- D. *Rom 5:1-5*. **Live in the Peace, Stand in the Grace and Stay in the poured out Love of God in the midst of tribulations.**
- E. **Learn to Forgive and keep out of strife.**

5. Be Part of "the New Breed": Walk in the realm of the miraculous Love of God.

2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

John 17:21 - 23 (NKJV) ²¹that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²²And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We

are one: ²³I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

- A. **Jesus prayed for a new breed of people in the earth.** (*John 17:21-23*)
- B. **We will be like Him when He appears:** 1 John 3:1-3.
- C. **Come take your stand in the full measure of Love:** *Eph 3:18*
- D. **People of the three-fold revelation of God.**
 - 1. God is Life (1 John 1:1)
 - 2. God is Love (1John 4:8)
 - 3. God is Light (1 John 1:5)

➤ **Life is God's essence; Love is life's nature; Light is the expression of Love.**

Conclusion

Christ in my eyes

*Have I meditated sufficiently on the life of Christ to see that love is the crowning virtue of His life and ministry?
And do I see that He calls me to His same mission?*

Christ in my Heart

How captivated is my heart with Christ's work to root me in God's love and fill me with God's fullness? Is there anything more important to me than this?

Christ in my hands

Where do I feel the restraints of Christ's love in my life turning me from actions that are harming me and others?

Where do I sense the Love of Christ calling me to act in the spirit of sacrifice and service for the greater good of many?

Christ in my feet

Am I entirely engaged in the mission of God's love in my life? Where is the proof?