

Doctrine of Love for God

A. Introduction.

1. There is only one way you will ever come into harmonious rapport with God and it starts with the filling of the Holy Spirit, because the fruit (gain, profit) of the Spirit is love.

2. It is profitable to love God. There is no greater profit in life. It should number one on your scale of values to love each member of the Trinity, but

you will first come to a love for God the Holy Spirit because He is our mentor, our teacher, and He brings to our memory those things which we have forgotten.

3. The love you have for good must be the same as the two categories of love, which the man and the woman bring to the altar in marriage.

a. The man brings an aggressive love called

enduring devotion to the marriage. The word aggressive means a vigorous initiative in persistence of perception, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine through the function of the two power options (the filling of the Spirit and metabolization of doctrine).

b. The woman brings a responding love called respect to the marriage.

4. Love never functions apart from grace. All true love is grace. God provides true love to us through grace. We deserve nothing. God never rejects the unbeliever. The unbeliever rejects the love of God.

5. How are we going to have a love for invisible God? There is only one way—we have to know God.

a. All spiritual life is related

to the thinking of God as mentioned in [1 Cor 2:16](#). The whole system of love and the spiritual life is a system of thinking doctrine. But you cannot think what you do not know.

(1) How does God enable us to understand what is normally beyond our comprehension—the spiritual phenomena, the doctrine of the inerrant word of God? How does

God accomplish the seemingly impossible task of communicating to the finite minds of mankind those perfect divine attributes related to the integrity of God?

(2) God has revealed Himself to our finite minds through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in verbal plenary inspiration, resulting in the infallible word of God. The infallible word of God, known to us

as the Bible, contains the mind, the faculty of thinking of Christ.

(3) 1 Cor 2:16, “For who has known the thinking [NOUS should never be translated “mind” but “thinking”] of the Lord that we should instruct Him? But we have the thinking of Christ.”

(4) The thinking of Christ is tantamount to Bible doctrine, but to us in the dispensation of the

Church, it is a specific kind of Bible doctrine. In [Eph 3:3-10](#); [Col 1:26-27](#); [1 Tim 3:16](#); [Eph 5:32](#) it is called “the mystery doctrine, mystery doctrine, this mystery.” [Rom 16:25-26](#) gives the definition of mystery doctrine, “Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel, the preaching of Jesus Christ on the basis of the revelation of the mystery which has

been kept secret for long ages past, but now has been revealed by the Scriptures.” This doctrine is part of your portfolio of invisible assets, your spiritual heritage. We have a spiritual life which is far greater than morality. Morality leads to arrogance and legalism when adopted by believers as the Christian way of life.

b. If you have no true love for people (as you may

have demonstrated by a love-hate relationship with someone over a period of years), then you certainly do not have any true love for invisible God. How can you love someone you have not seen, when you cannot even love someone you have seen? How can you love God when you know nothing about Him? How can you love God without His thinking in you? How can you love

anyone without getting to know them? You cannot.

c. When we believe in Jesus Christ, we enter into a post salvation spiritual life, which mandates love. All believers are the beneficiary of God's love. God's love has not rejected us. But we have rejected the love of God, when we as believers reject the spiritual life. Therefore, there is divine discipline, which is also

performed in love.

Therefore, understanding the love of God is one of the most important things in our spiritual life.

d. God loves you. Do you love God?

6. You have the potential through the perception and metabolization of Bible doctrine for enduring devotion as one category of love for God. It is an aggressive function of the soul in the vigorous pursuit

of metabolized doctrine and its application. Enduring devotion for God comes through Bible doctrine and no other way. It is thinking, not emotion. Most people think of loving God as having something to do with emotion, and therefore, the more emotional they are the more they love God. But emotion is not even a part of the spiritual life. It is only a result of the spiritual

life occasionally because of something wonderful in response.

7. You have the potential through the perception and metabolization of Bible doctrine for respecting God. Respect for God is true love also. Respect for God includes admiration (worship), deference (your scale of values), honor (the honor code of royal family), esteem, consideration, partiality (by

always exposing yourself to the teaching of the word of God).

8. How is God going to get your admiration, deference, honor, esteem, consideration, and partiality? You can make Bible doctrine your highest priority in life and learn about God, or you can ignore God and learn to respect Him through divine discipline. Therefore, the spiritual life goes deeper

than a casual knowledge of what God demands in both categories of true love.

9. We have to have both categories of true love to love God.

a. We must have an enduring devotion toward God as an aggressive function of our soul.

b. We must also have respect for God.

10. So there are two categories of true love in

the soul. These two categories are potential. Without Bible doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness they remain potential. They are illustrated by the love between a man and a woman.

a. First there is the aggressive love of enduring devotion. The husband must bring to the marriage enduring devotion. Devotion in

Christian marriage is intense love for and enduring loyalty to one's wife, plus consecration to the biblical principles of Christian marriage. The biblical principle includes the concept of "for better or for worse," intimacy without shame ([Gen 2:25](#)), coalescence of souls on the part of the husband that protects his wife as a responder to one man. Enduring devotion is made

up of: intensive love,
enduring loyalty,
consecration, and
dedication.

(1) Enduring devotion is aggressive in the function of the soul. It is the vigorous pursuit of the cognition, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine.

(2) Devotion is intense love for and profound dedication, consecration, and occupation with God;

hence, dedication to God based on Bible doctrine circulating in the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness. Your dedication is your daily attitude toward the word of God.

(3) Consecration is dedication to the principle of harmonious rapport with God as a mature believer resulting in advance to PLEROMA status. Consecration is the

function of enduring devotion as a mature believer.

b. The second category is respect. Respect is the key to the woman's love for her husband. Respect includes her admiration, deference, honor, esteem, consideration and partiality. These also describe our worship for the Lord as we come to know Him through Bible doctrine. Respect is a

response to the grace of God as the ultimate expression of God's love from His integrity.

(1) Respect is the response to the grace of God as the ultimate expression of God's love from His divine integrity. Respect demands the fulfillment of [Prov 3:34](#) as quoted in [Jam 4:6](#) and [1 Pet 5:5](#), “God makes war against the arrogant believer, but He gives

grace to the humble
believer.”

(2) If you are not on the right road with regard to your love for God, you will have arrogance in some form. It may be blind arrogance and you will not see it, but it will be there.

(3) Respect demands we remain in the status of humility.

(4) Respect denotes that through Bible doctrine God becomes the focal point of

the believer's approbation,
wonder, and
astonishment.

(5) Deference means
submission to the
judgment, opinion, and will
of God.

(6) Honor is the highest
form of respect for the
integrity of God.

(7) Esteem assigns the
highest value and
admiration to God.

(8) Respect as a love
response means to show

consideration and partiality to the eternal and invisible Godhead.

(a) Consideration means careful thought, meditation, and divine viewpoint in the evaluation of the circumstances of life.

(b) Partiality is the divine viewpoint with regard to those circumstances.

11. Testing demands the use of Bible doctrine in the form of problem

solving devices.

Temptation demands
overcoming the sin nature.

a. Even though Adam and
the woman were perfect,
they failed the test. Only
occupation with Christ
could have prevented the
original sin. The only
potential problem-solving
device they had was
personal love for Jesus
Christ. They were so
wrapped up with each
other, their personal love

for each other kept them from having the proper love for the Lord Jesus Christ. Their love for Jesus Christ was not as strong as their love for each other. They were preoccupied with each other to the point that they never became occupied with Christ.

b. Satan eventually revolted against God because he had no respect for God and no

enduring devotion. So you have an exact duplication between what happened to Satan in his fall and what happened to Adam and the woman in their fall. Perfection is not the answer until you have a resurrection body. No one will ever fail in a resurrection body.

(1) 2 Cor 11:3, “But I am concerned that, just as the serpent completely deceived Eve by his

cunning

misrepresentation, your thinking may be led astray from that noble simplicity and virtue, which is with reference to Christ.”

(2) The serpent was the most beautiful of all creatures and was a biped or quadruped. The serpent was not actually speaking, but Satan speaking through this animal.

(3) Adam was so much in love that he was being led

instead of leading. He should also have done something about her doing a lot of talking to a stranger.

(4) You cannot lose your relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, but you can be corrupted in your thinking. Rapport with God means you have to think as Jesus Christ thought.

c. What is paramount in both testing and temptation is love for God,

occupation with the person of Christ. Even in the state of perfection, Adam and Eve lacked the cornerstone of true spirituality, which is harmonious rapport with God. They were perfect, but never got around to the ultimate—personal love for Jesus Christ.

12. So there is no substitute for the filling of the Holy Spirit, personal love for God the Father

and occupation with
Christ.

a. The spiritual life goes deeper than casual knowledge and relationship; for the love for God demands both categories for true love of God.

b. We have the potential for enduring devotion as the aggressive function of the soul in the vigorous pursuit of cognition, metabolization, and

application of Bible doctrine. If that does not take first place, you may have married the greatest person in the world and have great response, and yet something is always going to be missing because the marriage is not built on the solid rock of personal love for God.

c. The highest form of spiritual life is the fact that the Church Age believer is given the capability of

loving God the Father,
God the Son, and God the
Holy Spirit.

d. There are two
categories of love that
every Church Age believer
must have to love God,
and without them you can
have everything in life but
there is always something
missing. Eventually some
test comes along where
you can advance with
doctrine, but the doctrine
is not there, and you flunk

the test and are in terrible misery.

13. Principles.

a. We must never think of love as separate from integrity.

b. We learn to love the Lord through doctrine. We learn to respect the Lord through discipline.

c. There is no true love in your life unless you have virtue and integrity in your soul. Without virtue and integrity in your soul, there

is no such thing as true love. The only love that has substance is based on integrity, and integrity has no emotion.

d. The key to true love is in your soul, not in your body. When you have sexual sins outside of marriage, you immediately have a very serious problem, because there is no possibility of any true love in your life. You cannot violate the

marriage vows and have integrity in your soul.

e. Many Christians will never find their own true love, because the Lord Jesus Christ is not first place in their life.

f. The love of God has never rejected us, it is we who have rejected the love of God.

g. Love is the highest and most effective function of integrity. If you hate your enemies, then you have

no integrity.

h. Divine love has demonstrated that fact that true love and integrity are never separated but part of the virtue of the human soul. This is why we learn to love the Lord through doctrine and we learn to respect the Lord through discipline and doctrine.

i. Therefore virtue-love in the believer is a reflection of divine love as part of the integrity of God.