

IDENTITY - PART 5 - SONSHIP

Last week we said this...

As sons we are to become Christlike on the inside as well as the outside. The focus on becoming Christlike never starts by anything external, but everything internal. All the external or the physical expression is, is a reflection of our internal. Our true inner state will come forth from us.

Incorruptible love is to be the FIRST internal quality of a son of God.

Ephesians 3:19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

John 17:26 and I have made Your name known to them, and will make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Ephesians 6:24 Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.

There is a pattern and a divine order to these passages which each son of God is to be living from, if they truly want to walk in the manner in which sons of God are called to walk.

The pattern goes like this. To know the love of Christ within us, which is pure, undefiled, all consuming and powerful, which goes beyond our ability to comprehend it in the mind, is the first dimension of the pattern. Secondly this holy, pure, undefiled love is to dwell within us constantly, being perfected within us, which is the second dimension of this pattern. This second dimension enables and empowers us to love our Lord Jesus with the love He loves us with. This is the third dimension of this pattern.

Stop and ask yourself this essential question right now as His son.

- Q. Do I have my own personal revelation and reference point for His love the way it is described in the Scriptures above?
- Q. If one hasn't received this pure, undefiled love yet, how is one supposed to be as He was on this earth?
- Q. What is the solution for every son who finds themselves being a son of God, while not yet receiving and knowing His love or having it perfected within them?

We must be prepared to look into the face of love without any condemnation and tackle these questions head on, as our ability to live as sons of God on earth as Jesus commands, depends entirely on this reality. The entire Law and Prophets are dependant on two Commandments, and these two Commandments are both love Commandments.

Matthew 22:36-40 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

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Galatians 5:14 For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Sons of God love as God loves. This is the command of the Son.

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

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The only way sons of God can love as Jesus did and lay their lives down for others, is if they have lost their lives and been filled with His incorruptible divine love. There is no other way, it is impossible and unattainable while the god of self (our will) is still living. This is why Peter couldn't lay his life down even though he swore he could and would.

John 13:37 Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You right now? I will lay down my life for You."

The words of pride personified, coming out of the heart of a man who would come to love God and others and lay his life down, but not right now. Even though Jesus spoke the eternal prophetic Word of His Father to Peter, Peter's pride was greater, hence his inability to live out what he swore he would and could. We are no different but it doesn't have to be this way.

When every son's first placed desire and pursuit is to be able to love as Jesus loves, and this son is willing to trust and wait on God to circumcise his heart, then God is faithful and trustworthy to perform on His Word.

Deuteronomy 30:6 "Moreover the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.

Only then can we be the sons that all of creation eagerly waits for.

OUESTIONS

- 1. What are you being made aware of through this resource?
- 2. Why is it impossible to keep the Commandments while the god of self lives?
- 3. Why is being able to love as Jesus loved so amazing to every aspect of our life?

ACTION POINT: What action point do we need to take away from tonight?