

Theme: Love 21

Discipleship groups purpose: Each member being transformed into the image of the Son.

Key Truth: Love never fails.

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

Read: We have looked at the 16 attributes of love. We have covered living our lives from a loveless position and the dangers of this to us and our fellowship with Christ. Now I want us to look at the divine outcome that we can know and live from, if we are in love and love is in us. We do not chase this outcome as the outcome will be a by-product of receiving His love, being in love and living from love.

Love never fails. Did we hear that? Love never fails. What a powerful reality of Truth which we can know and experience in us. Love will accomplish what it has been sent to accomplish. Love will never fail you or forsake you. Nothing can separate us from this love that never fails us. His love that never fails isn't based on our behaviour but on His divine nature. Love is more than a conqueror and love is able and more than capable to love on everything that is loveless, meaning the sinful human nature that still exists in and manifests from, the deep recesses of every human heart.

The gifts of prophecy will be done away with. Tongues will cease. Knowledge will be done away with, but love never fails. One can trust this love. One can relinquish the control of one's entire life to love. One can fully live with love and for love because love never fails one.

Who would we become like if we knew this love within our inner most being? What would our lives be like if we knew this love deep within our inner most being? What would we be able to demonstrate if we knew this love deep within our inner most being?

Love never fails us so we have every opportunity to come into the reality of it through revelation. Paul said we can know with all the saints how wide, high, long, and deep love is, which surpasses knowledge. We are to be rooted and grounded in love as love always produces after its own kind. A good tree can not produce bad fruit and a bad tree can not produce good fruit. Once we have had the root operating system of SELF ripped out from us through the power of His Word, the root system of love can be established, and it is from this new root system we abide and grow.

His love being perfected in us, empowers us to live love filled lives, where we are more than capable of living out what His Truth calls us to.

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

1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

Followers who receive this love that never fails have their BEING and sense of purpose in these passages above, knowing they are of the same kind as the One who instructed them.

Questions:

- 1. What is your experience of receiving His love that never fails through His power?
- 2. What difference has receiving His love and continuing to receive it made in your life?

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- 3. Why must we be rooted and grounded in love and not self?
- 4. Why is it essential we don't pursue the outcomes of love but love itself?
- 5 Who would we become like if we knew this love within our inner most being?

Action: What is one thing you need to put in place from going through this resource?