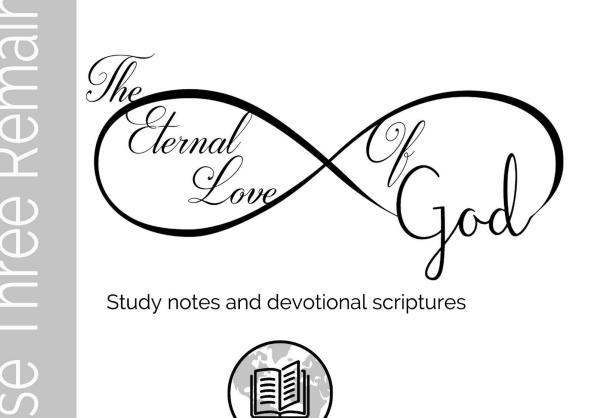
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These Three Remain

Love, week 2

Eternal Love

1 Corinthians 13:<u>13</u> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Before Time His Is Love,
During Time He Is Love and
after Time He forever Is love

What Is Love?

Three main Greek words for love

- Eros Romantic love
- Philia Friendship love
- Agape Devine love (Unconditional love)

One God One Church One Family

(1) The Eternal Love OF God

Romans 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 36As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." 37No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, $\frac{k}{2}$ neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(A) You can't earn it

Isaiah 54:<u>10</u> Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Nothing is certain in this world

Everything is changing

Even mountains crumble

You can't earn it because it is a gift!

It won't be taken back!

It's not about your behaviour!





Jerimiah 31:3 The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

It was God's fee will

God's Choice

What Is It Like To Be Chosen

John15:<u>16</u> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. <u>17</u>This is my command: Love each other.

(B) You can't escape from it

Psalm 139: <u>7</u> Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? <u>8</u>If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. <u>9</u>If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <u>10</u>even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. <u>11</u>If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," <u>12</u>even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

He knows everything and still loves you.

He can fix every problem

He can sort out every mistake

Jerimiah 23:24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

Hide and seek with God

Your Love never fails never gives up on me

Devotional Scriptures

Day 1 Loved for eternity

<u>1 Corinthians 2:9</u> However, as it is written: What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived — the things God has prepared for those who love him.

Before time began God loved you. He made incredible plans for you. This is on a much higher level than a man or a woman plans for their child. We may think our child is going to be a doctor and try to put in place all the correct preparations.

God already knows the end from the beginning and has placed a call and a purpose on your life.

Everything has been prepared and established for your successful life. We simply need to get to know the Lord and His plans then agree by faith to step into all that has already been prepared.

Day 2 Love gives you a fresh start.

Lamentations 3:22-23 Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

As Spirit filled people our deep desire is to live right and let our lives reflect God's glory. However there are times when many of us have lived out of our own hurt and not been able to live according to our destiny in God.

The incredible eternal Agape love of God is always there to give us a fresh start. God's patience and kindness cannot

be exhausted. There is always a new day in God. There is always a fresh start in God.

This is reason enough to praise Him every day of your life.

Psalm 103:8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

Day 3 Love brings grace and mercy.

Ephesians 2:4-5 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

We all need the grace and the mercy of God every day. God's eternal love is the source of that amazing grace and endless mercy. We are now alive in Christ. That means we are alive in the anointed one and His anointing.

You can have confidence before God today because His love has released grace to us, in order that we may go to him in our time of need.

God will meet your need and answer your prayer not based on our works but based on His love that brings with it His grace and mercy.

Romans 5:5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Day 4 Love displayed

<u>2 Corinthians 13:11</u> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

When we are determined to do all we possibly can to live in peace with others we are displaying the eternal love of God.

We become and advertisement for God's mercy and love. The promise is when we encourage others and live in peace there will be a special sense of His presence over our lives.

This lifestyle becomes a powerful testimony that speaks louder than words an point others to the saving power of Jesus Christ.

John 13:<u>34</u> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <u>35</u>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Day 5 Your love can increase

<u>1 Thessalonians 3:12</u> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

If we immerse ourselves in the love of God it will result in not only our lives being made whole, but also in God's love overflowing to others.

If you struggle to love others simply allow the love of God to flood your life. Become passionate about experiencing God's love for yourself. Spend time reading scriptures on the love of God. Listen to good bible teaching on the love of God. Listen to worship songs about the love of God.

Once you are filled with God's love for you it will overflow to others and you will find loving others comes naturally.

1 Corinthians 13: 1If I speak in the tongues ^a of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <u>3</u>If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, b but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5lt does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.13And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

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