

1Jn 4:10-21

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. :

16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. *(Believing the depth of God's love for me is the key to my growing into a loving person And the key to believing the love that God has for us is seeing it revealed in the word of Scripture. Jn17v20).* God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

17 Love has been perfected (*matured*) among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

19 We love Him because He first loved us.

v20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

v21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

Eph 5:1&3 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And 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.

Eph 3:17 -21 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; **that you, being rooted and grounded in love**, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, 21 to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Joh 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

Joh 17:20 "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those **who will believe in Me through their word;**

Joh 17:21 that 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.

Joh 17:22 And the **glory** (*HONOUR OF THIS UNITY THIS ONENESS—THIS POWER THIS AUTHORITY THIS LOVE*) which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one:

Joh 17:23 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.

Joh 17:26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, **that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."**

THIS GOD WHOM WE LOVE AND SERVE First loved us... He showed and demonstrated this love to bring us into a RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF

WITH ANY RELATIONSHIP THERE IS A PLACE OF VULNERABILITY HE MADE HIMSELF VULNERABLE; VULNERABILITY IS A PLACE OF BEING EXPOSED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING HURT EMOTIONALLY OR PHYSICALLY

GOD MADE THE FIRST MOVE IN THIS RELATIONSHIP - HE MADE HIMSELF VULNERABLE

PUT HIMSELF IN A POSITION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING HURT CAUSE HE THINKS YOUR WORTH IT.

Eze 6:7 The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

Eze 6:8 "Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you may have some who escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered through the countries.

Eze 6:9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive, **because I was crushed by their adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols;** they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.

We His bride have the capacity and indeed the inclination sometimes to HURT HIM—my heart was crushed... I HAVE THE POWER TO CRUSH (BROKEN OR BREAK, TEAR, FRACTURE) HIS HEART.. If the one you love played the harlot or had an affair our hearts would break... In This relationship God has made Himself vulnerable....

Am I confident in His love toward me WITHOUT QUESTION its impossible for God not to love HE IS LOVE (1Jn4v8) IT ALLEVIATES ALL FEAR OF REJECTION AND JUDGEMENT...

no the question in this RELATIONSHIP IS NOT HIS LOVE BUT MINE? So when I understand the **God love and root myself and anchor it in my heart , it leads me into a sanctified lifestyle**

One that pleases Him as its this lifestyle that pleases the one who loves me for anything else brings Him pain.....

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LOVE IS A VULNERABLE PLACE