

BECOMING LOVE

John 3: 14 We know that we have passed (1-in close association with 2- to walk) (to pass from one state to another) *from death* (the death- sin of Adam) *unto* (motion into) *life* (the life-in Christ), *because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth* (to stay in a given place) *in death.*

The sin of Adam was choosing to walk a path that was independent of God. Unless we learn how to walk with God we abideth in death. Death is alienation or separation from the life of God.

To walk with God means all our activities are in him, in the Spirit. We open our spirit to God and His Spirit flows in. We become aware of his Love and it flows through us to others, and as we walk in that we partake of His nature which is love.

To abide in death means we are self-centered, it is self-consciousness apart from God. To be in Christ, means to be in him, intimate union, where we are conscious of His presence, we are aware of His love and it is always flowing out to others.

We can be thoroughly Pentecostal and not know God, we can prophesy, we can move in the gifts of the Spirit, but if we are not being moved by the love of God, if it is not flowing through us we don't know him.

1 John 3: 1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons (téknon, "a child- In contrast to *huios*, "son" it gives

prominence to the fact of birth, whereas *huios* stresses the character of the relationship) *of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.* ²*Beloved, now are we the sons (téknon) of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear* (aorist subjective-not future, but conditional upon our openness to receive the action. *phaneroō*-to make manifest or visible or known what has been hidden or unknown before), *we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.* ³*And every man that hath this hope (the hope) in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.*

John is writing to three groups of people, little children, young men and fathers, speaking of spiritual growth. Little children is the word (*téknon*) they have not yet grown to the point where they know the Father, they have not yet learned how to walk in the Spirit.

When we open the first love gate in our spirit, the love of God motivates us, and the hope gate in our spirit opens up, so that the river of life can flow into our soul purifying it, so that we can begin to have a face to face relationship with God, where we begin to know him because the eyes of our spirit and soul begin to open up, and we enter into a oneness with God.

The fruit of the Spirit –love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness are not just attitudes, they are much more than that, **they are a power, they are a form of light** .

When we begin to manifest these things we release a power- light from our life. Each of these attitudes radiates out from us as a power. We begin to partake and become one in the divine nature of God because it interpenetrates

us and flows out of us. **We become God conscious which shifts us into another dimension;** we pass from death into life.

When we are self-centered we tend to manifest that which is negative, selfish, jealous, anger, bitterness unforgiveness, **these attitudes carry their own vibration,** or power, **which is discernible in the spirit realm as a color, as a force, as a power, as a dark light.**

We become clothed in that light and in that power as we manifest these negative attitudes and that power will draw us even further into it, and we will be clothed by it.

Every trait that is manifest good or evil is manifested this way. There is a light and a power associated with it. Every evil carries its own dismal depressing color and disintegrating vibration.

As long as we are still little children, we can manifest that which is not like God (sin) but we have an advocate with the Father.

1 John 2¹My little children (tekníon), these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

In Matthew five when Jesus says- blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. He was talking about an attitude.

We hear a lot about dying to self, you have to die to self, and you have to die to the flesh. What really does that mean?

The New Testament equivalent of dying to self is simply repentance, brokenness and humility. Repentance is God's thoughts flowing into our mind, so that our will is being directed by God's thoughts. Brokenness is no longer trusting in our human ability, but looking to the lord. Humility is humbling ourselves under his mighty hand that he might lift us up, strengthen our will through a flow of his Spirit into it.

Dying to our will in order to embrace his will, it is as simple as that, repentance, brokenness, humility, dying to our will, in order to embrace his will.

Repentance, brokenness, humility, dying to our own will in order to embrace him. God wants this in all of our worship and all of our prayers.

This is the kind of contrite spirit we need, we open our spirit to God for him to fill it, so that His power and strength can flow into it, so that we can walk in His will. It is coming to God with honesty, with all of the things that trouble us, in honesty, all of the burdens, our past mistakes, our pride, our weaknesses, our failures, with a complete surrender of our will to him.

And when we learn to bring this kind of offering, this

kind of sacrifice to the Lord, we then will begin to open ourselves to the grace of God, to receive his love.

These are the requirements to receive his light, his love and his glory. As God begins to visit us, appear to us there is going to be deep repentance, and the river of life will begin to flow into us.

There is a river pure as crystal in Revelation 22. This river is real, were not talking metaphorically, the writer wasn't using poetic language here.

This is a real river. It is spiritual in substance but it looks like water, but it is spiritual in substance.

The river washes away all the filth and the effects and the results of sin in our lives, the bad memories and mistakes, all of that is washed away and forgotten.

The river washes away the memories, the river of life is powerful, it brings healing- it is the very life of God that flows in this river.

This river is an incredible river, God's love is this river and we come into contact with this river as the first love gate in our spirit opens up. We connect with this river by connecting with the love of God. This river is concentrated love.

God is love; it's the out flowing of God. God is love and God is light, two things. It's the out flowing of God that comes out of the heart of God from his throne and flows into our spirit, then our soul and out through our body into the atmosphere of the earth.

When we connect with God who is love something in us will die. We will never be the same again, our desires, the things in life that we want will never be the same again. It's a coming into a connection, connecting with God who is love.

This river is a river of God's concentrated love and it holds the power of restoration and cleansing. It holds the power to wash away the effects and the results of sin in a person's life.

This river of love contains the power to wash the memories and the effects, the damage that sin has done in our lives away.

The river washes away the weaknesses, the transgressions, the sins with all the lingering hurts and memories of it.

We have to come to God with a broken and contrite spirit, an honest heart, bringing before God our condition, so that God's river of love can wash it away.

This river is eventually going to restore the earth, but we are the instruments that it will flow through. It flows into the earth and the trees that grew out of this river were for the healing of the nations.

The natural creation-nature is not just an abstract thing. Nature is living, and every form of nature has some form of memory. And every form of nature responds to love or hate, it will respond.

Trees, animals will respond. The whole of nature around us is affected by the light and the power that is emanating from us. If it is dark light they are not affected very well. If it is God's light they respond. We have an affect wherever we go. The Bible says nobody lives unto himself or dies unto himself. We have an affect where ever we go and we leave a trail behind us. Wherever we go, we can't turn it off because we are emanating this light, either it is dark light or the nature of God.

As we get the gateways of spirit, soul and body open and flowing this river is eventually going to restore the earth. This river is going to be flowing out of us, once we come into the restoration of spirit, soul and body.

1 John 2:5 but whosoever keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God is perfected. The person who keeps the word, it says in him the love of God is going to be perfected.

1 john 2:10 he that loveth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

As we learn how to emanate love it embraces us, it clothes us and it takes us further into it.

As we love we wrap ourselves in a garment of light. As we love we begin to emanate the love of God, and we become more and more enveloped in it.

We begin to love and then God's love will begin to fill us more and more and eventually it will be perfected in us

