

## WHAT IS FIRST LOVE?

First love is the eternal love of God that we first experience when God's presence becomes real to us, through the new birth of our spirit. It captures our heart in such a way, that it becomes the greatest experience that we ever had.

First love is the realization, that God loves us and desires to have an intimate relationship with us. The love of God penetrates our darkness, so that we become aware of His presence. And in that awareness we feel the embrace of God.

First love cannot be understood, unless we experience it. It is an overwhelming awareness of the presence of God that brings tears of joy to our eyes. It is the realization of being accepted by God, it is feeling loved by God.

First love is a personal encounter with God where our spirit becomes alive unto Him, it is not head knowledge. It is the embrace of God, the kiss of God. It is a deep penetrating experiential love, more intimate than what we could experience in the perfect marriage of a man and woman.

True first Love is the primary and most important relational encounter and experience we can ever have. Because it's with God himself, God is love.

First love is partaking of the essence of God, who He is. And He is available to us every day just through the opening of a door and the giving of an invitation for Him to come in. It is a surrendering of our spirit to the presence of God within.

First Love is where all the answers to our deepest questions and needs are found. Who am I, why am I here, where do I come from, what is my purpose. We can find the answers to those questions in our first love relationship with God. Our eternal identity and destiny is completely connected to first love. It is in our experience of first love, where our eternal identity and destiny can be revealed to us and explored.

Our identity can only be revealed in a true love relationship with our heavenly husband, father and creator.

Our destiny can only be out-worked in a love relationship with God. To know who we are we must know who God is and He is love.

1 Corinthians 2:9 the things which eye have not seen and ear has not heard and which has not entered the heart of man, can only be experienced through a first love relationship. There are a whole lot of things that we may not yet have seen, heard and understood but God has prepared these things for those who love him.

So God has prepared so much more than we can imagine or think. His desire and heart for us is beyond even what we can even understand or express right now.

Our first love experience is inexpressible with words, it is a personal encounter of being filled with the Spirit, where who He is penetrates into us where we experience it.

As we learn how to engage with God it takes us beyond the human realm into something which comes out of His heart in eternity.

First Love releases destiny.

Our first Love is a response to His first love. We can only respond in first love because He first loved us, He made the move in creating us, He made the move in sending Jesus to restore us into a relationship that had pre-existed in eternity as the thoughts and intentions within the heart or mind of God. He has always known us he's always had an intention and purpose for us.

Psalm 139:16 your eyes saw my unformed substance. In your book all my days were recorded even those which were purposed before they have come into being. How precious also are your thoughts of me of God, how vast is the sum of them.

This is what God wants to reveal to us, how He thinks and how He feels and how He sees us, which will then change how we see and feel and think about ourselves. We are no random accident of nature; God always intended that we should exist.

*1 John 3: <sup>16</sup> Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Love is about giving and Jesus so loved us that he laid down his life for us and as we experience first love we become willing to surrender our spirit to His presence within us.

By laying down our soul for God to possess, we find the life we were destined to live.

Are we willing to be who he created us to be? This is really what our sacrifice is to sacrifice all our good ideas, our good intentions ,the things that people may have said about us in the world to embrace what God has said about us in eternity and how He created us to be there.

Are we willing to give up everything to be who He created us to be? This is actually what love is.

1John 4:16 we have Come to know and believe the love which God has for us. God is love and the one who abides in love, abides in God and God abides in him. This is talking about relationship, intimacy, us abiding in Him, and He in us; we cannot get any more intimate than that, when we really encounter what this means.

God wants us to understand love, experience love; He wants us to experience Him. Intimacy is living and dwelling in a love relationship with our Creator. First love is an encounter with God Himself where we experience the eternal life of God within.

Everything else is a projection of our experiences that we have had in this life, from the outside in. We can have all those experiences redeemed and brought back into alignment with who

we really are, our eternal identity, this is where we find our real value and worth .Our divine destiny is to be encountered and revealed in first Love, in that first Love relationship with the Lord, the lover and restorer of our souls.