

Love of God (Part 3) (The Love of God FROM us)

We are currently studying 10 basic doctrines important to Contenders of the Faith (Jude 20-25).

The first five basic doctrines are internal and directed to the spiritual growth of Contenders of Faith (Jude 20-21) [yourselves].

The last five basic doctrines are external and directed to the ministry of others by Contenders of the Faith (Jude 22-25) [some and others].

Today we will study the fourth of the first five basic doctrines entitled, The Love of God (Jude 21a). It is important to understand that while the function of the Love of God seems simple, the content of the Love of God is complex because it involves the first of the ten essences of God. You can see this by comparing (1 John 4:8) to (1 Cor.13:4-8).

To help you understand the Love of God, I have divided the study of the Love of God into the following three categories:

- The Love of God to us (Rom.5:8)
- The Love of God **in** us (Rom.5:5)
- **Love of God from us** (1 John 4:11) “Beloved, if (1cc) [True] **God so** (houtos) [adverb] **loved us** (1 Jn.4:10), we **also ought to love one another.**”

Today we will study three aspects of the Love of God <u>From</u> Us.

This lesson will help us understand the command, “**Keep (a.a.impv.2pl) yourselves in the love of God.**” (Jude 21a) It will answer the question, “How does the believer keep himself in the sphere of the Love of God?”

1. We will begin a review of the love of God to us and in us.

(Rom.5:8) “But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (John 3:16; 1 John 3:1, 16; 4:9-10; Eph.2:4-5)

At the moment of grace salvation, the perfect love of God is **poured into the heart** of every Church Age Believer (CAB)

(Rom.5:5) “And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given us.” (1 Cor.6:19-20; Rom.8:9, 11, 16; John 14:16; Gal.3:2-3 and Gal.4:6-7)

After the Holy Spirit indwells every CAB, we are commanded to, “**keep (tereo / a.a.impv.2pl) yourselves in the love of God.**”

NOTE: The command is to **keep oneself in the love of God** and not to keep the love of God in oneself (Rom.8:35-38).

The next two points will teach Church Age Believers how to keep themselves in the love of God .

2. The Perfect love of God can only be produced in the CAB by walking in the sphere of power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (1 Cor.6:19-20; 1 John 4:7-8, 11-13, 16-19; Gal.5:16-17).

In (Gal.5:22-23), the fruit of the Spirit (love / agape) is singular because the *Holy* (Spirit / pneuma) is singular who alone produces it in the believer. (1 Cor.2:9-10). Therefore, the perfect love of God **cannot** be produced in the flesh (Gal.5:13-23; Rom.8:8-9).

(2 Tim.2:22) “Now **flee** from youthful lusts **and pursue** righteousness, faith, love and peace with those who call upon the Lord from a pure heart.” (1 Cor.13:13) [Which is the greatest?]

(Eph.3:16-21) “**That He** would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; **and that you**, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you** may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

3. A second way to keep yourselves in the perfect love of God is to reach and maintain spiritual growth maturity until dying grace (2 thess.1:3) (faith greatly enlarged / huperauxano) Super Grace Status.

(1 John 4:19) “We love, because He first loved us.”

(2 Cor.5:14) “For the love of Christ **controls** (sunecho / p.a.ind) [holds together, secures, constrains] us, having concluded this, that One died for all, therefore all died.” (Rom.8:35-39)

(Eph.5:1-2) “Therefore **be imitators of God**, as beloved children; and **walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us**, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.” (Eph.4:1-3)

(Eph.4:13-15) “Until we attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we are growing up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.” (2 Pet.3:18)

(1 John 4:16) “We have come to know and have believed 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.”

(Phil.1:9-10) “And this I pray, **that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that** you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ. (Col.3:12-14) [Virtue of Super Grace status] (2 Pet.1:5-9) (2 Tim.3:16-17) [Inhale and exhale of the word of God / Faith Cycle]