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THE LOVE OF GOD AND SPIRITUALITY

This lesson will study <u>four aspects</u> of the importance of the Love of God and Spirituality to every member of the human race for time and eternity.

- 1. The love we are discussing in this lesson comes from the very Essence of God and is offered on the basis of God's grace to the human race. In Christ Jesus.
 - (1 John 4:8) "The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love."
 - (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."

Therefore, Paul can say in (1 Cor.13:8) that **God's love never fails** because it is based on the Character of God and not man.

- 2. This love of God is offered unconditionally to every member of the human race through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - (Eph.2:4-6) "But God, being rich in mercy, because of <u>His great love with which He loved us</u>, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised up with Him, and seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
 - (1 John 4:9-10) "By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. 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." (1 Jn.3:16; John 3:16; Rom.5:8; Gal.2:20)
- 3. At the point of salvation, the love of God is poured out into our hearts by Holy Spirit.
 - (Titus 2:4-7) "But when the kindness of God our Savior and **His love for mankind appeared**, <u>He saved us</u>, <u>not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness</u>, <u>but according to His mercy</u>, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by **the Holy Spirit**, **whom He poured out upon us** richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being **justified by His grace** we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."
 - (Rom.5:5) "And hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God** has been <u>poured out within our hearts</u> through the Holy Spirit who was given us."
- 4. At the point of salvation, every Church Age Believer (CAB) becomes a beloved child of God (John 1:11-13).

As a beloved child of God, the CAB becomes the object of maximum love of God in time and eternity (Rom.8:35-39).

- (1 John 3:1-2a) "See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are the children of God."
- (1 Thess.1:4-5) "Knowing, **brethren beloved by God**, His choice of you; for our gospel did not come to you <u>in word</u> only, but also <u>in power</u> and <u>in the Holy Spirit</u> and <u>with full conviction</u>; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake." (2 Thess.2:13-14) **20 Status Privileges**