

The Love of God and Relationship with God

1. *The love of God*

You are always loved by God, regardless of what is going on in your life. Even those who are not saved are still loved by God.

2. *Spirit against the flesh and the flesh against the Spirit.*

We are either filled with the Holy Spirit or in the flesh. We cannot be both at the same time.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, in order to keep you from doing whatever you want.

3. *Without faith it is impossible to please God.*

The only way to please God is by faith! It is not a matter of doing something to please God, it is a matter of trusting Him.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for the one who comes to God must believe that He exists, and that He proves to be One who rewards those who seek Him.

Romans 14:23 ...whatever is not from faith is sin

It is not a matter of being good, before God, it is the issue of faith in Him.

4. *The fulfillment of the Plan of God*

Even though you are not filled with the Holy Spirit, God will fulfill His own plan. God does not depend on us to fulfill His plan. Now, when we are not filled with the Holy Spirit, we will not receive any blessing; He fulfills His plan; but we receive no blessing.

5. *Being judged as to being Filled with the Holy Spirit.*

You may not be filled with the Holy Spirit; then maybe despite what you plan on doing, God will fulfill His plan and you may or may not receive divine discipline by God, but again you continue being loved by God.

6. *Being blessed in the Spirit Filled life means rewards.*

Our time on earth will be rewarded by our gaining of rewards or blessings at the judgment seat of Christ. The Judgment seat of Christ is not going to punish believers but rather reward believers for their faithful service of the Lord. God the Father was asked by His Son, Jesus Christ, to give every believer in the Church Age the Indwelling of the Holy Spirit. For the believers who make the decision to be Filled with the Holy and serve the Lord, they will be rewarded at the Judgment Seat of Christ. There will be no discipline after death, there may be shame by loss of reward from the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is

building on it. But each person must be careful how he builds on it.

1 Corinthians 3:11 For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw,

1 Corinthians 3:13 each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work.

1 Corinthians 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

1 Corinthians 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet only so as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:17 If anyone destroys the temple of God, God will destroy that person;

for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

7. *Rewards at Judgment Seat of Christ but Not Judged for Sin*

Every believer of the Church Age will appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive compensation for his deeds done through the body, in accordance with what he has done, whether good or bad

8. *Pray for One Another*

Do not judge One Another on this earth. Pray for One Another, encourage every believer you know to live the Spirit Filled life.

Romans 14:10 But as for you, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or you as well, why do you regard your brother or sister with contempt? For we will all appear before the judgment seat of God.

9. *No discipline but Suffer of Loss and shame*

There is also severe discipline to Christians who live in a life of sin. They will continue to be loved by God but His discipline can lead to death.

1 John 5:16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask and God will, for him, give life to those

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who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death; I am not say that he should make request for this.

1 John 5:17 All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death.

1 John 2:28 Now, little children, remain in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not draw back from Him in shame at His coming

So let us fervently pray for one another and for ourselves.