

## Finding and Navigating The Narrow Way

### Lesson 10 – **THE EVIDENCE OF LOVE**

#### AFFIRMATIONS

- Our first meditations and affirmations, surrounded the journey to see **who we are in the realm of this world and in the eternal realm of our Father's presence.**
- Our journey is to **now see** who we are as the light of the world and the son or daughter of our Father – a **NEW CREATURE** inhabiting more beauty and power than we can dare imagine.
- To see that side our ourselves, we need to surrender our attachment to all other identities that block our vision of that identity and threaten to keep us in darkness.
- **Love, Joy, and Peace** are the characteristics that **manifest our true identity, the realm of our Father and the power of the Holy Spirit.**

#### INTRODUCTION

Paul said it best. 1Cor.13:1-3 *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.* Much of “modern Christian pursuit” is misdirected. Many even in the name of Jesus, seek to find salvation from life through all kinds of pursuits and judgments to give ourselves significance and identity. In reality, our true purpose is simple. Our purpose is to be who we are as the sons or daughters of God and to manifest His love and will here AND in heaven.

The question before us now is HOW. Loving as God loves can only come when we first see how that we as individuals are loved. God does not love with baseball bats and threats of punishment at the drop of a hat. God IS love! And since we are made in HIS image and likeness, that is what we are to be too. John 17:23 *I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

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#### SCRIPTURES TO REFLECT UPON FOR THIS LESSON

**Mark 12:28-34** *And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, "Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." And the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.*

**John 13:34,35** *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

**Rom 14:17** *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

**1 Cor 13:1-13** *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

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#### QUESTIONS FOR THIS LESSON

When you travel, or find yourself around people who are not “Christians” do you see them as less loving or more judgmental than what you think of as a Christian, or are they about the same?

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Why do you suppose that those that we encounter in culture, describe Christians as being the most judgmental or hypocritical segment of society? \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul’s teaching in 1 Cor.13, why is it that you can have great faith, great knowledge, or even great generosity, yet, lack love? \_\_\_\_\_

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What things about what Paul describes about true biblical love in 1 Cor.13, bring up resistance in our hearts? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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How well do you think that you meet the descriptions of what Paul defines as biblical love? \_\_\_\_\_

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