

**THE POWER OF LOVE -2**  
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**REVIEW:**

1. To Experience god's glory, we must learn to walk in love.
2. Love is the more excellent way.
3. Love's preeminence: Greater than eloquent speech, spiritual gifts, and personal sacrifice.
4. Love's practice: Motivated God to send Jesus; motivated Jesus to die for us; motivates us to live for Christ and love others.
5. Love's permanence: Love never ends. Faith and hope will end.

**CONTINUE:**

**EPH. 3:16-20**

1. Being rooted and grounded in love:
  - A. Filled with God's fullness. Holiness, mercy, truth, power, joy, goodness, justice. What God fills, Satan, sin, and selfishness can't.
  - B. Exceeding abundantly above: "It is impossible to express the full meaning of these words." God is omnipotent! Able to do superabundantly above the greatest abundance we can imagine or think of.
  - C. That worketh in us: All that He can do, is done by the power that mightily works in us. Love and dunamis.

**2 JOHN 6 (AMP.)**

1. Believers are to walk in love, be guided by love and follow love.
  - A. **JOHN 3:16** reveals these dimensions of God's love. The world, the incarnation, the crucifixion and resurrection.
  - B. **EPH. 5:1-2** – Jesus is our only revelation of God. We imitate God by walking in love – the love that is revealed in Christ's sacrifice.
    - Imitate God – Our conduct, actions, words, attitudes.
    - Walk in love – Every act in life is dictated by love to God and man.
    - As Christ loved us – Laying down our lives for the brethren.
    - Christ gave Himself for us – We give ourselves for all to be saved.
    - An offering – A thank offering of gratitude for temporal blessings received from God.
    - A sacrifice – A sin offering made to atone for our sin. All temporal and eternal blessings come from the sacrifice Christ made for us and we owe it to Him to love as He loved us. **1 JOHN 3:16 (AMP.)**
    - A sweet smelling savor – An offering that perfectly pleases God because he prescribes it Himself, the fumes of the burnt offering ascend to God as a sweet smelling savor!
2. In context:
  - A. Christians are to imitate God and walk in love after the example of Christ. Husbands are to love their wives and children. Wives are to reverence their husbands. Children are to honor their parents. Employers and employees are to follow after and be guided by love.
  - B. Christians are to avoid uncleanness, impurity, covetousness, foolish jesting and idolatry. **EPH 5:3-5**
  - C. **JOHN 14:21-24 (AMP.)**