

WALKING IN LOVE

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INTRODUCTION:

- Every believer is under a divine mandate to study God's Word (**2 TIM. 2:15**).
- God knows understanding His Word is critical to our spiritual, emotional, physical, and eternal well-being (**PS. 119:105**).
- God's Word is life's instructional manual. If you plan on skydiving and you're given a manual that reveals how to operate your parachute, would you question your instructor's motives?
- God's Word was made flesh: **JOHN 1:1-3, 14** Jesus was the Word made flesh to reveal to man his purpose and destiny. **1 PET. 1:23** (Born Again); **MT. 4:4** (live by every word); **1 PET. 2:2** (growth); **MT. 7:24-27** (overcome); **PR. 4:22** (life and health); **ROM. 10:17** (faith).
- God's not looking for theologians, but for disciples who are obedient doers of His Word.

GAL. 5:6

Faith working by love is what really matters in Christ. Love is to be the motivating force behind all the activity of our lives.

EPH. 5:1-2 HCSB

If we want our faith to work and our lives to send a sweet-smelling fragrance up to God, then we are to walk in love even as Christ loved us.

1 JOHN 4:16

God is love, not has love. The mandate is to walk in love, or let love (Agape) be the driving force behind our motives. **JOHN 3:16** Love moved Jesus from heaven to earth; **JOHN 15:13** love moved Jesus to the Cross; **1 JOHN 3:16** love is to move us to lay down our lives for one another.

EPH. 3:16-20; JOHN 3:16

Love's endless dimensions revealed:

- The world represents the breadth of God's love.
- The Incarnation represents the length of God's love.
- The Crucifixion represents the depth of God's love.
- The Resurrection represents the height of God's love.

1 COR. 13:1-3

If love is not the motivating force behind all the activity of our lives, then we're making a lot of noise that won't benefit us.

COL. 3:14 J.B. PHILIPS

Love is the golden chain of all virtues.

1 JOHN 4:18

God wants us to mature in love and make perfect love our basis of operation. Perfect love removes every form of fear from our lives?

CONCLUSION:

Walking in love is the commandment of the New Covenant (**JOHN 13:34-35**). It's up to us to judge ourselves as to how much we've allowed God's love (Agape) to regulate our Christian lives.

