

1<sup>st</sup> John 5:7 “Enduring Devotion from Enduring Power” 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:16

The execution of the command of Hebrews 12:2 demands enduring power just to begin this spiritual life, to continue it and to never stop growing spiritually.

Sharing the happiness of God the Father was the result of our Lord’s obedience to the Father’s will to remain on the cross and be judged as a substitute for our sins.

The spiritual life is a system of thinking biblical truth; the same thinking which was in the humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ during the First Advent.

The thinking of this spiritual life was invented, tested and proved by our Lord during the Incarnation.

During the Incarnation, our Lord veiled His preincarnate glory of His deity by giving up the outward appearance of God.

The greatest power in the spiritual life is love and all true human love in history is related to the soul; totally compatible with the righteousness and justice of God, so it results in harmonious intimacy with God.

The Lord produces the action of directing our thoughts to personal love for God the Father into the same enduring power He had on the cross.

We do not have true soul love until we have true love for God which is the execution of the unique spiritual life of the Church Age.

A hearer of the Word is someone who gives the teaching of the Word of God a hearing but then either passively or actively rejects it.

The imputation of all human sins to the perfect human nature of Jesus Christ required impersonal love for all mankind during His substitutionary spiritual death.

No one fulfills the spiritual life until he has personal love for God the Father and impersonal love for all mankind.

So, in our love for God as a major part of our spiritual life, we are aggressive in our love for Him through learning and applying biblical truth with enduring devotion and we are responsive in our love for Him by obedience to His Word.

Not only is virtue-love a problem-solving device for the Christian life but at the same time, it provides capacity for love, life, happiness and thanksgiving.