

1st John # 60

“Love is in the Heir”

1st John 3:16

As God, the Lord Jesus Christ understood what love is and Jesus Christ, the man learned and applied the concept of divine love as a human being which He demonstrated best at the cross.

For us to know what love is, we must understand what Jesus Christ did to express the love of God in His life and that requires first understanding the love of God.

Entrance into the plan of God is based on the principle of grace where the sovereignty of God and the free-will of man meet at the cross and they meet without any merit on man's part.

Man is never benefited under God's plan by his talent, his works, his thoughts or his plans. *Man is only blessed on basis of Who and what God is and what God has provided through His grace.*

God knew ahead of time which way every free-will would decide at any point in history but this doesn't mean He forced any decisions.

God's plan does anticipate every decision in history, so as free-will decides, God decrees.

John has been telling us that honor and integrity don't exist in us when we're out of experiential abiding fellowship with Jesus Christ and if left unchecked, legalism creates a false-honor and integrity that wipes out all capacity for love in life.

God knew billions of years ago about our sins and failures but His knowledge of these did not cancel His love.

It's true that we'll understand and experience more of God's love in spiritual adulthood but that's only because we've developed greater capacity to do so.

In the human expression of love, man's capacity for love is constantly changing but God's integrity is maintained by His own sovereign will.

God's love is incorruptible, unchanging, infinite and virtuous because He has perfect capacity for love with no compromise of that love.

God's infinite integrity and eternal virtue are related to His own unchanging Self which produces a constant capacity for love; so God gives of Himself whether there is an occasion or not.

God's perfect eternal love for Himself which is divine self-esteem, influenced our Lord's spiritual self-esteem and so, it becomes the pattern for our spiritual self-esteem in the spiritual life of the Church Age.

God's perfect eternal love for the other members of the Trinity and His personal love for His own righteousness is the pattern for His personal love for us as believers.

God's perfect eternal unconditional love for all mankind in spiritual death is the pattern for believers' impersonal love for others during the Church Age.

And God's perfect eternal personal love for all believers explains the reason for His

righteousness being imputed to them at salvation.

All creatures gain from God's love and integrity and by using the pattern of His own love, God designed a virtue for us which breaks the shackles of slavery to the cosmic world system.

Satan has enslaved the people of this world and those chains can only be broken inside the plan of God through His Word and His enabling power of the Holy Spirit.