

1st John # 74

“Living through Him”

1st John 4:9-10

Both personal and impersonal love have emotion and the emotion of impersonal love is pure virtue but the emotion of personal love is often evil, sinful or sometimes in the case of false-humility with self-promotion, it's human good.

It's simply experiencing impersonal love and eventually if the child responds, then he has genuine humility and that's the only way to make the transition to freedom from parental authority to self-governing and become a mature adult.

The only basis for happiness and problem-solving is to base our lives on virtue and there's no virtue in personal love unless our personal love is grounded in impersonal love and there's no way to successfully continue in a personal love relationship except through the unconditional impersonal love of honor, integrity and virtue inside God's system of power.

The only true virtue of refreshing relaxation in this life is to live inside the plan of God following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ who in His humanity during the First Advent fulfilled this wonderful principle of producing perfect virtue inside the prototype plan of God so we too can live in total freedom from involvement in the cosmic world system invented by the genius of Satan.

So, God's love as a noun of action is revealed to us when we understand what took place on the cross.

The life's work of Jesus Christ is the greatest proof that God could give of His infinite love to the world.

John's emphasis is not on the believer making God the object of his love but on the integrity or holiness of God functioning behind the scenes in human impersonal love, further making the believer the object of God's personal love.

The reality of believers loving God inside the plan of God from the development of this basic virtue from biblical truth in the soul is in view here so the negative adverb doesn't deny that believers who live and function inside the plan of God, love God but it does emphasize that God's impersonal love for the human race comes from His integrity rather than from our worthiness.

In eternity past, God knew every sin, act of evil and function of human good that would be performed by every person who would ever live and yet this love still existed and because God the Father produces the action of this love, His perfect integrity and the accumulated total of His divine attributes is involved.

The humanity of Jesus Christ on the cross in the state of impeccability satisfied the righteousness of God the Father; while the work of Jesus Christ in being judged for our

sins satisfied the justice of God the Father because both His righteousness and His justice had to be satisfied.

The definitive example or standard for understanding what it is to *love one another* is constantly emphasized by John as what Jesus Christ did on the cross and only by concentrating on, understanding, learning, believing and applying what Jesus Christ did on the cross can we know what it means to love one another as He loves us.