

1st John # 75

“Acknowledging that Jesus is the Son of God”

1st John 4:11-12; Hebrews 10:19-25

Do you want to see God?

The disciples saw God in Jesus and we can see Him when believers are loving each other as Jesus loves all of us and that’s when we see the character of Jesus Christ which is the character of Almighty God!

All believers are in union with Jesus Christ but not all believers abide in Christ, otherwise we wouldn’t be commanded to continue to abide in Him and it would be as if our salvation was dependent on us.

And so, only believers experientially abiding in Christ fulfill the plan of God and grow spiritually and when a believer isn’t abiding in Christ, he’s out of fellowship, influenced by his sin nature and Satan’s world system.

Abiding is post-salvation experiential fellowship with Jesus Christ; walking by means of the Holy Spirit in the Light as Jesus is in the Light and we’ve seen that when we abide in Christ, He and His mind along with God the Father abide in us; so the more we abide in Christ, the more He and His Word abide in us.

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.

The greatest human love is seen in the sacrifice of parents who without hesitation would give their lives for the life of their child and why would parents do that? Because their love is so strong for their children but God’s love for the people of this world is infinitely greater in that He gave up His precious Son for undeserving man!

The pattern for our virtue is found in God’s love related to man.

The fact that no one has ever seen God provides for a fantastic impact of the invisible on the visible and that’s the basis for our continued life on this earth.

While we cannot see God, we can fulfill His purpose for our lives by living and functioning inside His plan with a positive response to the three categories of truth He provides: 1. His established laws for believers and unbelievers, 2. The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the unbeliever and 3. Biblical truth for the believer.

Human integrity is found in the unbeliever or believer responding to God’s established truth but Christian integrity is the believer experientially abiding in Jesus Christ responding to biblical truth.

God the Holy Spirit will indwell every Church Age believer as long as he lives on this earth and if a believer is in fellowship with Jesus Christ, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit as well as indwelt and it's God the Holy Spirit who produces this action in us by indwelling all Church Age believers and providing the power for learning and applying biblical truth inside the plan of God.

Impersonal love is the highest Christian virtue as all other virtues originate from it and so, all honorable pursuits depend on establishing this virtue first and invisible God has provided His influence within a power system for the visible believer.

There's no genuine expression of impersonal love outside the plan of God which means the execution of the RFHC through impersonal love is only possible while experientially abiding in Christ where invisible God has unending power for our visible influence.

The power system in the plan of God produces dynamic results in the function of impersonal love with the result that God's invisible influence becomes our visible impact.

God abiding in us means that His love has been brought to fulfilled maturity in us.