



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

God Father; in Jesus' name I ask it, Lord I am what I am, by Your grace, and that Your grace toward me is love. Father, I pray that everything I do will be done in love. Thank You, Lord, that there is no fear in love, but that full-grown, complete, and perfect love turns fear out of doors. Lord led and guide each of us, and give us peace, and bless us. I pray that what it is Your will for us to do, when we set our hands to it, that it bears fruit to Your glory and honor, always. I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Scripture

I John 4 (2005)

1 John 4:1-21 (KJV)

¹ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

² Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

³ And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

⁴ Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

⁵ They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

⁶ We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

¹² No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

¹⁵ Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

¹⁷ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love him, because he first loved us.

²⁰ If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

²¹ And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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1 John 4:1–6. False Prophets

Apparently many churches were the target of false teachers who claimed special inspiration from the Holy Spirit for their doctrines. Generally, John says, their trustworthiness can be tested by their loyalty to the deity of Jesus (v. 2).

1 John 4:7–21. Love

John returns to the keynote of the letter, his favorite theme: love. He is very insistent that being saved by the grace of Christ does not release us from the necessity of obeying Christ's commandments. And Christ's main commandment is love.

- We have come to know Christ "if we obey his commands" (2:3).
- "The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar" (2:4).
- We "receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands" (3:22).
- "This is his command: ... to love one another" (3:23).
- "Those who obey his commands live in him" (3:24).
- "He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (4:21).
- "This is love for God: to obey his commands" (5:3). is told of John that when he was old and too feeble to walk, he would be carried into the church, and when he spoke he would always say, "Little children, love one another. It is the Lord's commandment."
(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible history and commentaries; pages 887-888)

Exhortation To Love; V1 "Beloved" means those who are loved divinely in God. Every one of the New Testament writers warned the believers about false prophets and teachers. VV 2-3 The way to discern a false prophet is to see what the prophet says about Jesus Christ. If he denies the deity of Jesus, then he isn't of God. VV 7-8 The word "love" is agape, the spiritual love we cannot have apart from God (1 Corinthians 13). V12 We cannot love as God wants us to love, apart from His agape love working through us. We're instruments through which God's divine love is manifested. V17 We represent God to the world. V18 If we know how completely God loves us, we don't need to fear. He won't allow anything to take place in our lives which doesn't serve a good purpose.

(New Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; Chuck Smith; 2005; commentaries; pages 181-182)

The world looks for something real, something tangible. People look for love, and God is love (see 1 John 4:8). Because we know God, we can offer the answer to the searching hearts around us and the needs of the people we encounter in life—the God of love talked about in 1 John 4:8 is that answer.

The Bible says many times that God loves us. But how many of God's children still lack revelation concerning God's love? The truth is, very few of God's people really know how much He loves them. If they did, they would act differently.

Many years ago, I began studying how people can learn to receive God's love, and I realized that I was in desperate need of it myself. The Lord led me in my study to 1 John 4:16 and emphasized the importance of being conscious of His love. This means God's love should be something we are actively aware of. But how does one find this awareness?

I studied this subject for a long time, and I became conscious of God's love for me through thinking about His love and by confessing it aloud. I learned scriptures about the love of God, and I meditated on them and confessed them out of my mouth. I did this over and over for months, and all the time the revelation of His unconditional love for me was becoming more and more of a reality to me. (It is also the way to memorize Scripture into your long term memory, so that you will have a answer at any given time when you are asked.....)

Now, His love is so real to me that even in hard times, I am comforted by the "conscious knowing" that He loves me and that I no longer have to live in fear. This can happen to you, too.

I encourage you to know and believe His love for you. Meditate on and speak about God's love that He expresses to you in His love letters—the Scriptures. Why not start with 1 John 4:16!

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (AMP)

¹IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
²And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths *and* mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).
³ Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned *or in order that I may glory*, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.
⁴ Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vain-glorious, does not display itself haughtily.
⁵ It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail.
⁷ Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
⁸ Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled *and* pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed *and* cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].
⁹ For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect).
¹⁰ But when the complete *and* perfect (total) comes, the incomplete *and* imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).
¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways *and* have put them aside.
¹² For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality *and* face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know *and* understand fully *and* clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully *and* clearly known *and* understood [by God].
¹³ And so faith, hope, love abide [faith—conviction and belief respecting man's relation to God and divine things; hope—joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation; love—true affection for God and man, growing out of God's love for and in us], these three; but the greatest of these is love.

...as previously stated in a previous teaching....in 1 Corin. 13:4-8 and.....13:13.....Love isGod ...everyplace it says Love that is God telling us how much (try it, every place it says love, say God instead, note that it is para phrasing..but this is how much God loves us..., He loves us that much).....Now read it again but this time put your name in place of Love...that is how you are to Love...if you flunked any part of it.....there are no pass or fail grades with God....ask Him to help you and change you in the areas that are a weakness at this time.....and don't fret....none of us are perfect...."all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God"and anyone can have salvation through Jesus....that is why He died; was tortured, killed.....but do you understand that He did it...willingly??.....Hey, He knows the mess He got when He called you....you are a diamond in the rough....He will change what He wants changed...we all are cracked pots.....8).....

(Amplified Bible; The Everyday Life; 2005; Joyce Meyers; Scripture, commentaries, pages 2104-2106)
(Word Search 9, Bible Software; (KJV) 2005; Bibles, dictionary, concordance, sermons, scripture)

Psa 119:105

Thy word [is] a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.



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