

## ***Examining Love in Ourselves.***

To What?

1Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. . . 13:12 ***For now we see through a glass, darkly;*** but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. *1Tim. 5:24,25.*

2Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face ***beholding as in a glass*** the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. . . . 13:5 ***Examine yourselves,*** whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man ***beholding his natural face in a glass:*** 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But ***whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty,*** and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Matt. 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt ***love the Lord thy God*** with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt ***love thy neighbour as thyself.*** 40 ***On these two commandments hang all the law*** and the prophets.

Note: The first four define how we are to love God, the second six our fellow men. These are the least or minimum we owe for Love is so much higher. As we shall see these give room for higher growth.

1Tim. 1:5 Now ***the end of the commandment is charity*** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Note: "The end of the commandment," its goal, its effect; its purpose in you towards others.

1John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, ***in him verily is the love of God perfected:*** hereby know we that we are in him. 6 He that saith he abideth in him ***ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.***

### ***Love For God***

Do you love God? How do you know?

## Our loving duty to God

Exo. 20:3 Thou shalt have ***no other gods before me.*** 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt ***not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain;*** for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8 ***Remember the sabbath day,*** to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 11 For ***in six days the Lord made*** heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. *John 1:10,11; Rev. 14:7; Gen. 2:2,3; Acts 13:42,44;16:13. in these we see Paul teaching gentiles to keep the 7th day Sabbath, else he'd said the first day.*

### ***How do we these things?***

1John 4:20 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.

1John 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, ***when we love God,*** and ***keep his commandments.*** 3 For this is the love of God, that we ***keep his commandments:*** and his commandments *are not grievous.*

2John 1:6 And ***this is love, that we walk after his commandments.*** This is the commandment, That, as ye have ***heard from the beginning,*** ye should walk in it.

Note: From the beginning of the world!

Rom. 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good ***to them that love God,*** to them who are the called according to his purpose.

1Cor. 8:3 But ***if any man love God,*** the same is known of him.

Note: “known of him” that he loves God by? say it, his keeping the first four

commandments.

Heb. 11:1 Now faith is the *substance* of things hoped for, the *evidence* of things not seen.

2Thess. 3:5 And the Lord direct your hearts *into the love of God*, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

*Do you love Him in tribulation, chastisement,*

Rev. 3:19 *As many as I love*, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

Heb. 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but *he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness*. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

1Peter 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as *ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings*; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, *but on your part he is glorified*. 15 But *let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters*. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And *if the righteous scarcely be saved*, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him *in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator*.

1Cor. 3:13 Every man's work shall be made manifest: **for the day shall declare it**, because it shall be revealed **by fire**; and the fire shall try every man's work of **what sort it is**. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; **yet so as by fire**. 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man defile the temple of God, **him shall God destroy**; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

### ***Love for Man***

Do you love your fellow man? How do you know? Charity  
Our loving duty to man.

Exo. 20:12 Honour thy father and thy mother (*Eph. 6:1*): that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt not steal. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness (*Eph. 4:25*) against thy neighbour. 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's. *Rom. 2:20-24*.

### ***How do we these things?***

Matt. 20:25 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles **exercise dominion** over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26 But **it shall not be so among you**: but whosoever will be great among you, **let him be your minister**; 27 And whosoever will be chief among you, **let him be your servant**: 28 Even as the Son of man came **not to be ministered unto, but to minister**, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Rom. 13:8 **Owe no man any thing**, but to love one another: **for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law**. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and **if there be any other commandment**, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law**.

Phil. 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem other better than themselves**. 4 Look not every man on his own things, **but every man also on the things of others**. 5 **Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and **took upon**

*him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*

1Cor. 10:24 Let *no man seek his own*, but every man another's wealth.

Eph. 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

1John. 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and *we ought* to lay down our lives for the brethren. 17 But *whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*

1John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

James 2:14 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 *If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body;* what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: *for this is the law* and the prophets.

John 15:12 This is my commandment, *That ye love one another, as I have loved you.* 13 *Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

Matt. 5:43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. 44 But I say unto you, *Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven:* for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For *if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye?* do not even the publicans the same? 47 And *if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others?* do not even the publicans so? 48 *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

Matt. 7:12 Therefore *all things* whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, *do ye even so to them: for this is the law* and the prophets.

Luke 10:36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, *was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?* 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, *Go, and do thou likewise.*

***In Spirit and not letter!***

1Cor. 13:4 Charity *suffereth long*, and *is kind*; charity *envieth not*; charity *vaunteth not itself*, is not *puffed up*, 5 Doth *not behave* itself unseemly, seeketh not *her own*, is *not easily* provoked, *thinketh* no evil; 6 Rejoiceth not in *iniquity*, but rejoiceth in the *truth*; 7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

2Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith *virtue*; and to virtue *knowledge*; 6 And to knowledge *temperance*; and to temperance *patience*; and to patience *godliness*; 7 And to godliness *brotherly kindness*; and to brotherly kindness *charity*. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his *old sins*. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for *if ye do these things, ye shall never fall*: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Rom. 3:25.*

1Peter 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, *ye are in heaviness* through manifold temptations: 7 That *the trial of your faith*, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might *be found unto praise and honour* and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 *Whom having not seen, ye love*; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Matt. 24:12 And because iniquity shall abound, *the love of many shall wax cold*. 13 But he that shall *endure* unto the end, the same *shall be saved*.

***Note: I hope all that are called endure unto the end.  
God Bless You all.***