



# IN HIS IMAGE

ALTRUISTIC LOVE



# THE IMAGE OF GOD

## GOD IS LOVE

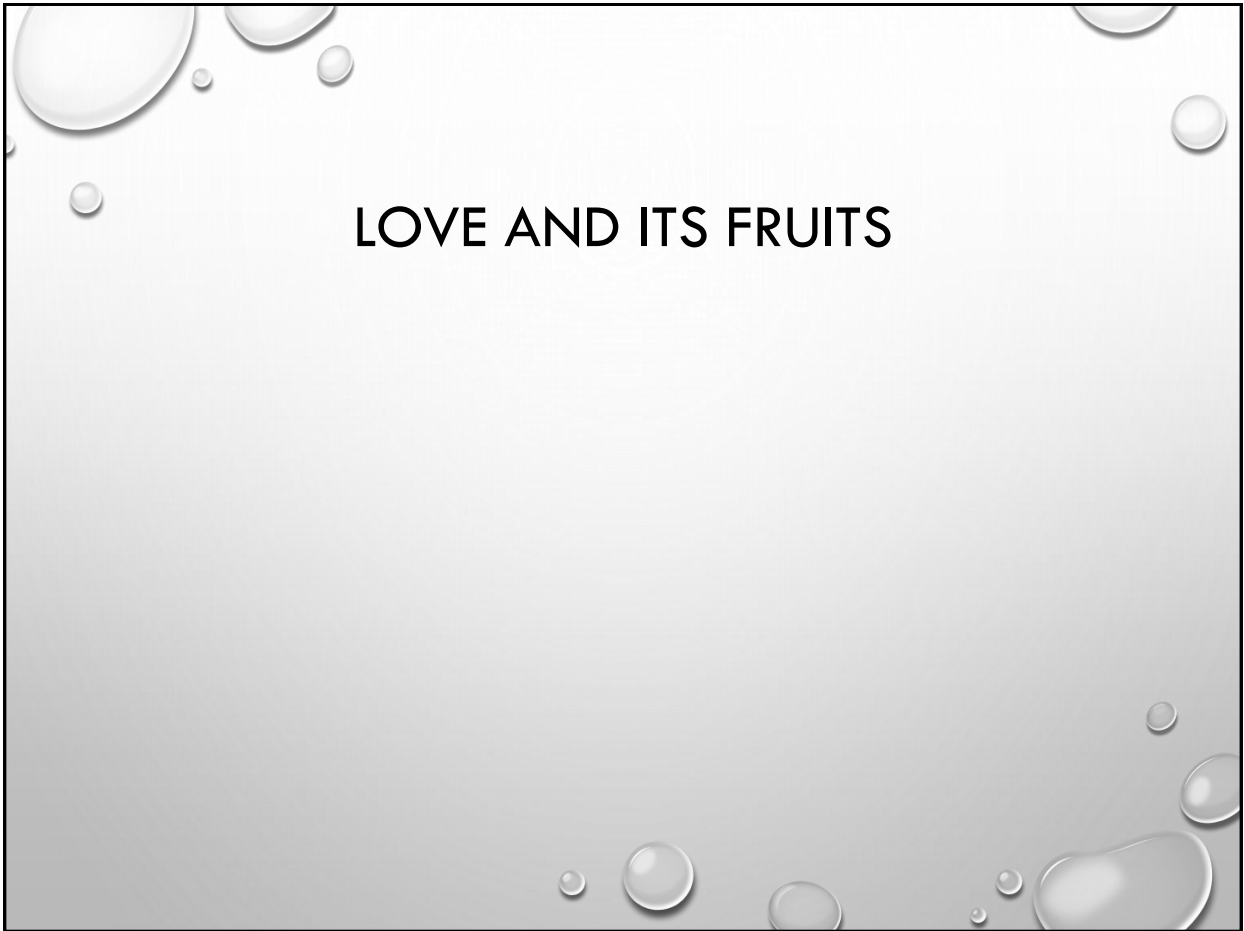
- <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 4:8** ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE DOES NOT KNOW GOD, BECAUSE GOD IS LOVE...<sup>16</sup> SO WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND TO BELIEVE THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US. GOD IS LOVE, AND WHOEVER ABIDES IN LOVE ABIDES IN GOD, AND GOD ABIDES IN HIM.

## WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:5** ...THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN Poured OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US.

## LOVE IS SUPREME

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:13** BUT NOW ABIDE FAITH, HOPE, LOVE, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 16:14** LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE.



## ALTRUISM VS EGOISM

- **EGOISM:** THE HABIT OF VALUING EVERYTHING ONLY IN REFERENCE TO ONE'S PERSONAL INTEREST; SELFISHNESS (OPPOSED TO ALTRUISM ).
- **ALTRUISM:** THE PRINCIPLE OR PRACTICE OF UNSELFISH CONCERN FOR OR DEVOTION TO THE WELFARE OF OTHERS (OPPOSED TO EGOISM).

## FRUIT OF LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, AND IS NOT JEALOUS; LOVE DOES NOT BRAG AND IS NOT ARROGANT, <sup>5</sup> DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY; IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN...

➤ UNBECOMINGLY – IN DEFIANCE OF SOCIAL AND MORAL STANDARDS

- *COMMUNITY BEFORE SELF*

➤ SEEK ITS OWN – LIT., SEEK OF ITSELF

- *OTHER INDIVIDUALS BEFORE SELF*



## PATIENT, KIND, CONTENTED, HUMBLE, AND ALTRUISTIC LOVE

- LOVE INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO:
  - MEEKLY BEAR ILL THAT IS RECEIVED FROM OTHERS, AND TO CHEERFULLY AND FREELY DO GOOD TO OTHERS
  - NOT ENVY WHAT OTHERS HAVE OR DO, BUT RATHER INCLINES CHRISTIANS TO BE CONTENTED AS THEY ARE
  - NOT THINK OR ACT OUT OF PRIDE BUT TO HUMBLE THEMSELVES
  - THE PRACTICE OF UNSELFISH CONCERN FOR OR DEVOTION TO THE WELFARE OF OTHERS

## THE UNSELFISH LOVE OF GOD

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ROMANS 5:1** THEREFORE HAVING BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH, WE HAVE PEACE WITH GOD THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, <sup>2</sup> THROUGH WHOM ALSO WE HAVE OBTAINED OUR INTRODUCTION BY FAITH INTO THIS GRACE IN WHICH WE STAND; AND WE EXULT IN HOPE OF THE GLORY OF GOD... <sup>5</sup> ...BECAUSE THE LOVE OF GOD HAS BEEN Poured OUT WITHIN OUR HEARTS THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO WAS GIVEN TO US. <sup>6</sup> FOR WHILE WE WERE STILL HELPLESS, AT THE RIGHT TIME CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY... <sup>8</sup> BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US...<sup>10</sup> FOR IF WHILE WE WERE ENEMIES, WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE, HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

## ABIDE IN CHRIST

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:4** "ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. AS THE BRANCH CANNOT BEAR FRUIT OF ITSELF, UNLESS IT ABIDES IN THE VINE, SO NEITHER CAN YOU, UNLESS YOU ABIDE IN ME. <sup>5</sup> "I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES; HE WHO ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM, HE BEARS MUCH FRUIT; FOR APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING. <sup>6</sup> "IF ANYONE DOES NOT ABIDE IN ME, HE IS THROWN AWAY AS A BRANCH, AND DRIES UP; AND THEY GATHER THEM, AND CAST THEM INTO THE FIRE, AND THEY ARE BURNED. <sup>7</sup> "IF YOU ABIDE IN ME, AND MY WORDS ABIDE IN YOU, ASK WHATEVER YOU WISH, AND IT SHALL BE DONE FOR YOU.

## ABIDE IN CHRIST'S LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:8** "BY THIS IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT, AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES. <sup>9</sup> "JUST AS THE FATHER HAS LOVED ME, I HAVE ALSO LOVED YOU; ABIDE IN MY LOVE. <sup>10</sup> "IF YOU KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, YOU WILL ABIDE IN MY LOVE; JUST AS I HAVE KEPT MY FATHER'S COMMANDMENTS, AND ABIDE IN HIS LOVE. <sup>11</sup> "THESE THINGS I HAVE SPOKEN TO YOU, THAT MY JOY MAY BE IN YOU, AND *THAT* YOUR JOY MAY BE MADE FULL.

## LOVE WITH CHRIST'S LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:12** "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. <sup>13</sup> "GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT ONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS. <sup>14</sup> "YOU ARE MY FRIENDS, IF YOU DO WHAT I COMMAND YOU... <sup>16</sup> "YOU DID NOT CHOOSE ME, BUT I CHOSE YOU, AND APPOINTED YOU, THAT YOU SHOULD GO AND BEAR FRUIT, AND *THAT* YOUR FRUIT SHOULD REMAIN, ... <sup>17</sup> "THIS I COMMAND YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



# 1. WE SHOULD LOVE OURSELVES

- <sup>NAS</sup> **MATTHEW 22:39** "THE SECOND IS LIKE IT, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' <sup>40</sup> "ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND THE WHOLE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **MATTHEW 7:12** "THEREFORE, HOWEVER YOU WANT PEOPLE TO TREAT YOU, SO TREAT THEM, FOR THIS IS THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ZEPHANIAH 3:14** SHOUT FOR JOY, O DAUGHTER OF ZION! SHOUT *IN TRIUMPH*, O ISRAEL! REJOICE AND EXULT WITH ALL YOUR HEART, O DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM!
- <sup>NIV</sup> **JOHN 15:16** ...THEN THE FATHER WILL GIVE YOU WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME.

## 2. WE SHOULD NOT LOVE OURSELVES MOST

- <sup>NIV</sup> **ROMANS 15:1** WE WHO ARE STRONG OUGHT TO BEAR WITH THE FAILINGS OF THE WEAK AND NOT TO PLEASE OURSELVES. <sup>2</sup> EACH OF US SHOULD PLEASE HIS NEIGHBOR FOR HIS GOOD, TO BUILD HIM UP. <sup>3</sup> FOR EVEN CHRIST DID NOT PLEASE HIMSELF ...
- <sup>ESV</sup> **2 TIMOTHY 3:2** FOR PEOPLE WILL BE LOVERS OF SELF... <sup>4</sup> ... LOVERS OF PLEASURE RATHER THAN LOVERS OF GOD,



### 3. WE SHOULD SEEK THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY

- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 CORINTHIANS 13:4** LOVE ..., <sup>5</sup> DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JEREMIAH 29:7** 'AND SEEK THE WELFARE OF THE CITY WHERE I HAVE SENT YOU INTO EXILE, AND PRAY TO THE LORD ON ITS BEHALF; FOR IN ITS WELFARE YOU WILL HAVE WELFARE.'
- <sup>NAS</sup> **ESTHER 4:16** "GO, ASSEMBLE ALL THE JEWS WHO ARE FOUND IN SUSAN, AND FAST FOR ME; DO NOT EAT OR DRINK FOR THREE DAYS, NIGHT OR DAY. I AND MY MAIDENS ALSO WILL FAST IN THE SAME WAY. AND THUS I WILL GO IN TO THE KING, WHICH IS NOT ACCORDING TO THE LAW; AND IF I PERISH, I PERISH."

## 4. WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE FOR OTHERS

- <sup>NAS</sup> **ACTS 21:13** THEN PAUL ANSWERED, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING, WEeping AND BREAKING MY HEART? FOR I AM READY NOT ONLY TO BE BOUND, BUT EVEN TO DIE AT JERUSALEM FOR THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS."
- <sup>NAS</sup> **1 JOHN 3:16** WE KNOW LOVE BY THIS, THAT HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US; AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN.

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## CONCLUSIONS

## BEAR THE FRUITS OF LOVE

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- <sup>ESV</sup> **MARK 12:30** AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.'
- <sup>NAS</sup> **MATTHEW 22:39** ... 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'
- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:12** "THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

## SUPREME LOVE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **JOHN 15:13** "GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAT ONE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS.