**GOD’S LOVE SHOULD CHANGE YOU….**

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Dead toward Sin, Alive toward God!

THIS CHANGE, IN THOUGHT, HAS TO HAPPEN!

“TOWARD” IN THIS CONTEXT…DECLARES YOUR FOCUS IN LIVING.

I DARE YOU TO DECLARE WHAT OR WHOM YOU’RE LIVING FOR.

**BUT…**

**BEFORE YOU ANSWER…ANSWER THIS…HAS GOD’S LOVE CHANGED YOU?**

**ANSWER…AUDIBLY**

ENLIGHTEN THE ATMOSPHERE THAT YOU’VE CHANGED…HOWEVER,

**PROCEED WITH CAUTION…BECAUSE…OUR ADVERSARY IS LISTENING.**

One of the greatest blessings of having our hearts filled with God’s love is that the fear of Satan, our adversary, through our experiences, greatly decreases.  Through faith, confidence in the Lord, a heart filled with his love, and living as His servant, we know Heaven is our home, and the fear of Satan is replaced by the joy we have through Jesus! The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I (Jesus) have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (John 10:10)

God, through Jesus, truly receives us as broken, needy sinners, He also loves us enough to change us to joy filled Saints. God’s love is active, intrusive, personal, and focused on making us into the image of Jesus. God’s love is defined as agape love, a sacrificial love that was demonstrated when Jesus took our sins to the Cross. **IS THERE ANYTHING, IN YOU, THAT YOU CAN DECLARE AS SACRIFICIAL BY THE CROSS YOU’RE CARRYING?**

**GOD’S LOVE DEVELOPS US IN THESE 5 WAYS…**

1 UNDERSTAND NO

2 YIELD OURSELVES

3 RECOGNIZE THE GIFT

4 UNDERSTAND THE POWER OF FLESH

5 THERE IS, NOW, NO CONDEMNATION

**The closer we are to the Lord, the more we are in the Spirit, because, it is the Spirit that connects us to Christ therefore:**

**1 NO MEANS NO…**

Romans 6:1-2

1 **What shall we say then**? Are we to **continue in sin that grace may abound**? 2 **By no means!** How can we who died to sin still live in it?

**2 YIELDING SHOULD BE SURRENDERING TO THE RIGHT LIFE**

Romans 6:12-15

12 **Let not sin therefore reign** in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 **Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness** unto sin: but **yield yourselves**unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for **ye are not under the law, but under grace**. 15 **What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.**

**3 WHAT GOD HAS GIVEN YOU…YOU DON’T HAVE TO PAY FOR**

Romans 6:22-23

22 But now being **made free** from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. 23 For the **wages of sin** is death; but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**4 THE LORD WILL HAVE MERCY**

Romans 7:15-20

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 **For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.** 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

**5 FLESH IS CONDEMNED…BUT CHRISTS’ SPIRIT IS FREE**

Romans 8:1-3

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in **Christ Jesus hath made me free**from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh**: