

The Working Of God's Love

Do you know what real love is?

Do you know how God works through love?

These are very basic questions yet I feel that a true understanding is essential if we are to live a sincere Christian life.

Paul was addressing the subject of sincerity of our Christian lives in the twelfth chapter of his letter to the Church at Rome.

This chapter of Romans I feel should be read in conjunction with the "love" chapter, first Corinthians thirteen, as Romans twelve is a practical out-working of love in our day-to-day relationships with others.

Romans 12:9 *"Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good."*

Or as Phillips translations reads, *"let us have no imitation of Christian love"*.

1 John 4:7-8 *"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."*

If we have been born of God then we should know God and what love is.

Phillips translation *"every man who truly loves is God's Son and has some knowledge of Him, but the man who does not love cannot know Him at all, for God is love"*.

God and love are the same.

To know God or love is impossible for us, as physical human beings, as both love and God are spiritual.

We need help from God by Him expressing Himself and love in a physical form that we can comprehend.

When God created us He was well aware of this lack of comprehension and has provided all we need to understand both Himself and love.

How has God done this? In two ways.

1. Romans 1:18-20 *"The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.**"*

As we observe His Creation we understand many things about the character of God, His faithfulness, His Great Power, His Great Wisdom and Bountiful Provision for all He creates, and His Great Patience.

He is a God who likes variety and colour and everything He creates is interdependent, none can live in isolation, often one sacrifices itself for another to thrive.

2. **Hebrews 1:1-3** *“In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.”*

In the past God spoke direct to human beings, Adam, Abraham, Moses, etc., then through His prophets Isaiah, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, etc., etc.

But now in this age only through His Son Jesus the Christ and His Word, The Christian Bible, the Handbook For Life.

We have no need of modern day “prophets” or “new revelation”.

The more we know God through His Creation and through study of His Word the more we will know and experience love.

Romans 10:17 *“Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”*

Faith in the existence and love of God can only come through the word and actions of Jesus Christ, for He is the only human being who is also God.

I use the present tense, because of what Paul was inspired by Holy Spirit to say in **1 Timothy 2:5** *“For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.”*

Note *“the man Christ Jesus”*.

Also the prophetic statement of Pilate recorded in **John 19:5** *“here is the man!”* and reference to *“last Adam”* **1 Corinthians 15:45** and *“Son of Man”* in **Hebrews 2:6-9**.

All these titles refer to Christ who is now our High Priest at God’s Throne.

Hence we can now deduce from these scriptures that there is now, since the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, a man at the Throne of God mediating for us as our High Priest.

This is something well worth meditating on, for it makes God very accessible to us and One who does know in every way what it is like to be human.

John 14:5-11 *“Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answered, ‘I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.’ Philip said, ‘Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.’ Jesus answered: ‘Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? **Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.** How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?** The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.”*

If we study the life and the words of Christ we can know God and love.

Jesus Christ is the planned entry of God into human history; and the key to the plan God is working out for mankind to make him perfect [whole].

Matthew 5:48 *“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

The Greek word “*teleios*” translated here “*perfect*” is **not** one that should frighten us, or to respond to by saying, “*I’ll never be perfect*”.

The word could be translated, complete or full age [mature], or whole.

It is from the root word “*telos*” which means to arrive at a definitive goal, the conclusion of an act, end result.

Each time we reach a goal we have set or others set for us we are perfect.

This plan for all mankind was in God’s mind when He created mankind.

As we learn, by focusing on Jesus, how we can become perfect, then we will learn how we can co-operate with God in His plan to make all mankind perfect [whole].

Romans 8:37 “*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*”

This is an overwhelming victory over evil by God who loves us, through Jesus the Christ.

To the people of Rome these words would paint a vivid picture of the triumphant entry of a conquering general into Rome at the head of his troops and all his captives.

These captives, mostly mercenaries, enforced to fight in the armies of the enemies of Rome, having been taken captive by the Roman legions, would be offered Roman citizenship if they joined the Roman legions to fight against those who had previously used them as mercenaries.

Ephesians 4:4-8, 11-13 [NIV] “*There is one body and one Spirit — just as you were called to one hope when you were called —one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.” ... “It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”*”

We formally, before God touched our lives with His unconditional love, had been servants [captives] of sin, mostly without realising it.

Now we are the servants of Jesus Christ, having been purchased by His Blood [Acts 20:28] we also have been offered citizenship of God’s Kingdom, if we now take up arms against the forces of evil [sin].

Our greatest weapon against evil is love, the unconditional love that God has for us.

Satan has no weapon that he can use that can counter unconditional love.

Revelation 12:11 “*They overcame him [Satan the devil] by the blood of the Lamb [God’s ultimate expression of His unconditional love, not withholding the sacrifice of His Only Begotten Son] and by the word of their testimony [our willingness to tell, when asked, why we love unconditionally and are willing to lay down our lives, that is our time and talents, for others]; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*”

This shows total commitment to God’s way of living and loving, and complete faith in God’s ability to resurrect us from death if that is what is involved in being a witness for Him.

The word translated “*testimony*” in the Greek is “*marturia*” which has the root “*martus*” meaning martyr, one who is willing to undergo the penalty of death rather than **not** express their Christian faith.

Romans 14:8 *“If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”*

Paul also understood this total commitment and for the Christians in Rome under Nero, this was an ever-present and real threat.

Romans 6:13-18 *“Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace. What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey – whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you wholeheartedly obeyed the form of teaching to which you were entrusted. You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.”*

A similar picture is presented to us by Paul.

Romans 5:5 [Phillips] *“Already we have some experience of love of God flooding **through our hearts** by the Holy Spirit given to us.”*

God gives us the power, the Holy Spirit, and the love, a fruit we produce as we yield to the Holy Spirit, for love to flow through us into the world about us.

When we look at the physical life of God when He became Jesus the Son of Man as demonstrated in the recorded historical documents of the four gospels, we can see love [God] in action.

These records of Jesus the Christ are like shafts of light from the real [spiritual] world shining into the darkness of this temporary physical world, which is but a shadow of the real world.

As physical human beings it is difficult for us to see what is “*real*” from God’s viewpoint.

Simply put just as a shadow is dependent on something that is “*real*” to make it function at all; so this human life, like a shadow, only exists because of the “*real life*” which is within and only comes from God.

John 1:4 [NIV] *“In him was life, and that life was the light of men.”*

Just as a shadow is temporary and dependent on light to be apparent, so we are dependent on our Creator the light of this world.

For us to understand this we need to approach God’s Word with fresh unprejudiced minds.

There are several difficulties standing between us and acceptance of this statement at its face value.

1. The modern demoted use of the word “love”.

We can love:-

- (a) Beethoven’s string quartets
- (b) Chocolates with hard centres
- (c) Driving an open top car at speed

The same word is used for a romantic but passing affection, or a lifetime’s devotion and service to some idea or object.

Although we use this word carelessly, we do have some idea of what love really means.

2. We find it difficult to accept and proclaim the astonishing vulnerability of the Love of God.

Luke 6:30-35 *“Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you,*

*what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners', expecting to be repaid in full. **But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.** Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked."*

Love those who seek to exploit you!!

Even your enemies!!

All of this passage is totally opposite to our natural human reactions, laying us wide open to abuse by others.

Why is God asking us to be so foolish, in human thinking?

Because this is how God loves; this is the way the Love of God works.

We will only come to love God in the way He wants us to if He first loves us in this unconditional way.

If we are to be, as God intends, "salt" and "light" in this world, this is the method of fulfilling God's purpose and become part of His plan for all mankind.

Romans 5:6-8 *"You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, **Christ died for the ungodly.** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. **But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**"*

God loves sinners!

I'm glad He does, and I feel you are also.

Our only hope for eternal life is this fact that God loves sinners.

Romans 3:23 *"For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God".*

Not one of us, however hard we have strived to live a good and righteous law-abiding life, are free from sin.

Romans 6:23 *"For the **wages of sin is death**, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

All we can earn, as wages, from our most diligent law-abiding life is death.

We have to humble ourselves and accept eternal life as a gift, the result of what God's great unconditional love has done for us, demonstrated in the life and death of Jesus the Christ.

Too often we love with limitations.

God doesn't – God can't.

It is just **not** His nature to limit His Love.

To love as God loves entails humility and God's Love is **not** a smiling face that hides a frowning attitude, as so often our love can be.

Too often we “love” people because God tells us we should, yet inside we resent what they do to hurt us.

God doesn't.

Matthew 5:44 *“But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”*

Jesus was going to demonstrate this on the cross.

Luke 23:34 *“Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.’”*

Jesus the Christ here expresses the total unconditional love He has for mankind.

These people had just scourged Him until He was unrecognisable as a human being, spat on Him, ridiculed Him, and crucified Him.

Yet, naked, dripping with blood, agonised with pain, tormented by flies, Christ's concern was with mercy being extended to His tormentors.

That is unconditional love.

Until we see that God really did enter into time and our world unarmed and at our level, and that He does really love.

God is **not** someone pretending to love, with a big stick within easy reach, we cannot harmonise with His plan to make all men perfect [whole].

Three things among many, about Jesus [God in the flesh] that baffled and bothered the early disciples and many of us now.

1 Jesus Christ's attitude towards “sinners”

To the religious people of Jesus' day it was scandalous that Christ did **not** condemn, like the prophets of old, those who they called “sinners”.

The only people Jesus condemned were those who were entrenched in self-righteousness.

Jesus' technique was to use simple unconditional love to deal with sinners.

He did not try to arouse or foster a feeling of guilt, but allowed guilt to come from inside the person as a result of the love He expressed towards them.

Matthew 9:9 *“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. ‘Follow me,’ he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.”*

Matthew, when loved and appreciated, perhaps for the first time for many years, gives up a profitable racket and followed one who called him in love.

Luke 19:2-10 *“A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, ‘Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.’ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, ‘He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner’.’ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation*

has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.’”

Zaccheus, whose keen, business-like instincts had shut him off from love and friendship, instantly melted into astonishing generosity when love touched his life.

Luke 7:36-48 *“Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, ‘If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Simon, I have something to tell you.’ ‘Tell me, teacher,’ he said. ‘Two men owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he cancelled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?’ Simon replied, ‘I suppose the one who had the bigger debt cancelled.’ ‘You have judged correctly,’ Jesus said. Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, ‘Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little.’ Then Jesus said to her, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’”*

Here we find a hard woman of the streets, who had possibly never known anything but simulated love, break down completely before the One who loved her as a daughter of God.

John 8:3-11 *“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?’ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, ‘If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no-one condemned you?’ ‘No-one, sir,’ she said. ‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin.’”*

Even a woman taken in adultery was defended by the Son of God Himself in her terrible exposure, and assured that He did not condemn her.

This method of making people perfect [whole] by outflowing love was and is extremely risky, but it was and is a risk God is willing to take.

Of course, even the perfect method of perfect love does not invariably succeed, but it seems that God is *not* hypnotised as we are by *instant results*.

What is first and foremost in His mind is the divine method of love.

To the early disciples and to most of us, this method appears foolish, dangerous and even wrong.

Luke 9:51-55 [NIV] *“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?’” But Jesus turned and rebuked them,”*

James and John were by no means unique in wanting to call down fire from Heaven.

Matthew 16:21-25 [NIV] *“From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!” Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.”*

Peter was rebuked by Christ when he suggested a less dangerous and less uncompromising way other than vulnerable love in an evil world.

The methods of Christ are the methods of God and certainly *not our* normal methods.

2 Christ showed that law keeping does not lead to a life of love, but love fulfils all the law of God

Matthew 22:38-40 *“This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*

Love leads to obedience, mostly out of an overwhelming gratitude for what our loving God has done for us as a result of His unconditional love for us individually.

The Pharisees were **not** all self-righteous humbugs whose unreality was the hypocrisy Jesus exposed.

But the Pharisees differed fundamentally with Christ in what was the main motivation of their lives.

Pharisees were ruled by the principle of law keeping and keeping themselves unspotted from the world and its ways.

Jesus was completely committed to loving all humans with His whole being God and His fellow men.

The Pharisees’ religion was a kind of contract; a *“quid pro quo”* performance: while Christ’s was a spontaneous, outgiving of unadulterated love.

Romans 13:10 *“Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.”*

Paul recognised this fact as he faced the Jews seeking to add law to love.

There is still much of a *“Pharisee”* in all of us; we all tend to want to reduce religion to a code, trying to tame something which cannot be tamed or regulated, God’s Love.

We don’t like to take the risks or to be hurt and humiliated by living a life of unconditional love as God does.

We would rather condemn and bewail than as God, love, suffer and perhaps redeem others.

Matthew 18:21-22 *“Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”*

Peter tried to regulate God’s Love and Mercy instead of trying to imitate it in his relationships with others.

Until we come to understand this unconditional Love of God there will continue to be a conflict between regulated religion and the life of the Son of God, observed and recorded for our learning and imitating.

3 God on earth in form of Jesus Christ refused to use supernatural advantages or to interfere with man's freedom of choice

The disciples confidently expected Jesus the Messiah to set up an earthly kingdom there and then and use the supernatural power they saw He had in performing the miracles.

Jesus' death was a kind of "*end-of-the-world*" disaster, a bitter reversal of the hopes of His disciples.

The disciples, as do most of us, could not understand the basic fact, **God does not use force to bring about His purpose**, only unconditional love that does *not* take away from man his freedom of choice.

God may have in the past and may in the future put certain wicked people into "*the cold storage of death*" to resurrect them again to physical life when their time comes to be offered redemption but God never forces His purpose on anyone.

Matthew 27:46 "*About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' – which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'*"

Even this cry of anguish from His begotten Son did **not** bring a rescue party from the courts of Heaven.

It is still true that we are puzzled by the apparent inaction of God?

We heard, "*Why doesn't God stop Hitler?*"

"*Why didn't God stop the murder of those young school children?*"

"*Why doesn't God stop wars and famines?*"

So often we are bitterly disappointed because God failed to fulfil what *we* expected of Him.

But hard though it is, God has to teach us that He will no more interfere with other peoples freedom of choice than He does with our own.

Why?

Because God is creating human beings into His "*likeness*" and we have to choose in our personal freedom to love as God loves.

While it is true that God never forces His way into any man's personality, yet He is always ready, where the right conditions are fulfilled, to enter, redeem and transform.

The major part of the right conditions is what the New Testament calls faith, the door through which God will enter our lives and operate.

If we model our idea of the character of God on what we see in Jesus Christ, we see a picture of astounding humility.

Revelation 3:20-22 "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*"

A message to *all* the churches.

God will *not* enter our lives until He is invited.

Demonstrations of power only impress men superficially, but if we invite God into our lives He will supply all the demonstrations of inward transformation, of arousing love, hope and enthusiasm we need and much more.

It is not so much that we do not understand what love is, but that we are slow to grasp and accept love's method of working.

We are tempted by our "love" of power and by seeking instant results to be deceived, for God's working through love uses no such power nor seeks shallow instant results.

1 Corinthians 13:4-13 *"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

To help us relate to this "love chapter" in the context of what we have been studying, I have amplified certain portions of the text.

Love is patient, kind, not envious, not boastful of its power, not proud, does not rudely intrude into men's lives, is not self-seeking, not angry with men's weaknesses, keeps no record of their sins, does not delight in their evil; but rejoices in their coming to the truth, always protects our freedom of choice, trusts us, hopes for the best in us, always perseveres us, and will never fail us.

God is waiting patiently at the "door" of our future lives wanting to express His unconditional love to all of us personally, but He will never force this love on us.

We have to go to Him in humble prayer asking that the sacrifice of Jesus the Christ may atone for our sins; ask that the death of Christ may be the substitute death for the death we have earned by our past life.

Then seek baptism as an outward expression of our relating to the death of Jesus the Christ that we may then receive the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Acts 2:36-38 *"Therefore let all Israel [symbolic of all mankind] be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified [even if we were the only human being that ever existed, Christ's death would still be essential to our being freed from the wages of our own lifestyle], both Lord and Christ.' When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' Peter replied, 'Repent [the word basically means turn around and go in a different direction] and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"*

Galatians 5:22-23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."*

With receipt of the Holy Spirit in our lives we can then begin to produce the fruits of that Holy Spirit, the major fruit being love.

The choice is yours to make, I cannot make it for you and God will never force you to accept His Love and seek to become His son or daughter.