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## LOVE

1 John 4:8 tells us that GOD IS LOVE - I read somewhere one time that this verse does not say that God has LOVE or gives LOVE but is LOVE. Because He lives in us and we are His Temple then we already have all the LOVE that God is in us. Doesn't that make sense? So if you don't feel LOVE for example, you don't need to ask for some or try to get some but just claim what you already have - God who is LOVE in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit in you !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We don't need to waste time asking and begging for what we already have.

1 John 4:17 tells us that AS HE IS SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD - Everything Jesus is, we are. Jesus is LOVE so we are LOVE as well. Jesus is the light of the world, so are we. Jesus is peace, so are we. Whatever He is, so are we!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Put your mind around that for a moment and it becomes a mighty promise of power for everyday living. It does not matter what I think I look like or act like or resemble. We claim truth as truth by faith and as you confess the truth, the reality becomes evident and that is God's business. You are LOVE because that is what God is.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is the awesome definition of what this LOVE looks like in a believer. You need patience. You don't need more patience; you are patient because that is what LOVE is and God is LOVE and as He is so are you. If LOVE is patient then that is what you are, right now, all the time. LOVE is kind. You are kind. Don't tell me you are not kind. Maybe you are not demonstrating that kindness right now, but you are kind and so claim truth not lies of the devil. LOVE is not arrogant. You might need to remind another believer that he is acting like he is arrogant, but he is not. He is LOVE and LOVE is not arrogant. LOVE does not seek its own way or as Philippians 2 teaches, thinks of others more important than himself. Sometimes I do seek my own way but then as the Holy Spirit convicts me, I realize that is not me but the lie of the devil. I am LOVE not a self-seeker and I move back into the Faith Life that is the only life that pleases the Father. LOVE does not take into account a wrong suffered. One translation says that LOVE hardly ever notices when others do it wrong. In other words, we are slow to judge and quick to forgive because that is what LOVE does and that is who we are in Jesus. LOVE never fails. It is unconditional because that is the LOVE God is and as He is so are we so we LOVE unconditionally.

I think we need to claim who we are in Jesus and not despair of who we think we are not. The Temple of Solomon in the Old Testament was equipped with everything the priests needed to function as the go-between between God and man. The Temple showed the Glory of God when He came to visit His people. In Jesus, we are now that fully equipped Temple of priests who are revealing the Glory of God to our world that the Father LOVES so much. The Father made you exactly the way you are to be His LOVE to your world.

**BLESSINGS**

