

The Love of God from a Kingdom Perspective

Now that we know the real reason why Jesus came,¹ and now that we know that the Kingdom is already here, and now that we understand what the Kingdom is, we then have to learn to phrase and describe everything from a Kingdom perspective. This is because the Kingdom is Heaven's priority. That's because the Kingdom is the Kingdom of Heaven manifesting on the face of the Earth. Everything that we have learnt from the church and everything we have learnt from the Bible, we have to understand from a Kingdom perspective and be able to explain it in Kingdom terms.

This is one of the reasons for all the reprogramming and reteaching we've gone through in the past 8 years. We not only had to learn to live in the Kingdom but to talk Kingdom talk. **Everything has had to change.**

One of the theological facts that has to be understood and explained in Kingdom terms is the love of God.

We all know that God loves us. It's taught by Christian parents, in Sunday School and from the pulpit. However, when 'the rubber hits the road' many believers falter and falter badly in this area. The reason is that they haven't had the real experience of God's love flooding their lives. What they "know" about God's love is head knowledge, mainly from the Bible, but it doesn't 'cut the mustard' when life gets tough.

As Kingdom citizens, it's not enough to spruik, "God loves you". Nor is it good enough to quote John 3:16 any more. As sons, we have the experience of the Kingdom in sonship and in intimacy with the Trinity, so our understanding of the love of God is much greater now and it should be expounded that way.

We are supposed to be living in the love of God. Yes, living in that, not just assenting to it's existence or waiting 'til we die so we can experience it in Heaven. This love-filled life is centre-piece of the abundant life Jesus came to give us.

However, it's the Kingdom that's the centre-piece of life today. So we need to understand God's love from his Kingdom perspective and to be able to explain it to others in Kingdom terms. I'm not going to write this up as a document because it's already been done very well by Ron McGatlin.

Read Ron McGatlin's article "Experiencing God's Love" to get a broad overview of God's love from a Kingdom perspective.

It's here: canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Experiencing-Gods-Love-McGatlin.pdf

What Ron has written will most likely not be the way we would express the larger dimension of God's love. So, the job for each of us is to read his article and understand it. Then, practice expressing what he's written in our own terms. This is how we will begin to transform the way we speak about God's love to others.

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1 – "The Little-known Kingdom Reason Why Jesus Came"

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