



**Topic: God's Love: The Key to Being Salt and Light – Minister Arnel Eugenio
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Ephesians 3:14-19 (NKIV)

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1. GOD'S LOVE IS THE MASTER KEY TO ALL THE WHYS AND THE ISSUES OF OUR LIVES.

Romans 8:31 (NKIV)

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

- a. Because of the blood of Jesus and what was accomplished on the cross, God IS for us.
 - b. What Jesus did on the cross puts God on our side forever.
 - c. There is nothing you have done or can do that will make God love you less.
2. GOD GAVE WHAT WAS MOST DEAR TO HIM TO DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE FOR US.

John 3:16-17 (MSG)

This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

Romans 8:32 (NKIV)

³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

- a. He wants us to know that we are his beloved.
 - b. The real issue is we don't really believe that God loves us.
 - c. The quality of life increases when you know that God loves you.
 - d. Trusting in the love of God will help you face life's challenges.
3. GOD WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE DEEPLY AND GREATLY LOVED BY HIM.
 4. WE MUST MEDITATE ON GOD'S LOVE DAILY.

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1 Corinthians 13:1 (AMPC)

If I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such [as] is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Ephesians 3:20 (NKIV)

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us...

5. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE ONE WHO ENABLES US TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE.

Romans 5:5 (NKIV)

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- a. The Holy Spirit is first mentioned in the Book of Romans associated with love.
- b. God expresses his love to us through family and his church.
- c. Any manifestation of his power is a direct result of his love.

6. WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE.

- a. When you walk in the love of God, you will overcome your troubles.

Romans 8:37 (NKIV)

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

- b. Everything the devil does is designed to destroy the sense that God loves you.
- c. How to not yield to temptation.

Matthew 3:17 (NKIV)

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

- i. God called Jesus His beloved Son in Matthew 3:17. Remember that as Christ is, so are we.
- ii. Don't allow Satan to make you doubt you are the beloved.
- iii. Don't feel sorry for yourself.