

THE TRUTH THAT GOD IS LOVE IS NOT ONLY REVEALED TO US IN THE WORD BUT IT WAS ALSO REVEALED FOR US ON THE CROSS WHERE JESUS DIED FOR US

GOD IS LOVE IS NOT SIMPLY A DOCTRINE IN THE BIBLE IT IS AN ETERNAL FACT THAT WAS DEMONSTRATED AT CALVARY
GOD SAID SOMETHING TO US AND GOD HAS DONE SOMETHING FOR US BUT ALL THIS WAS PREPARATION FOR WHAT GOD DOES IN US

WE ARE NOT MERELY STUDENTS READING A BOOK OR SPECTATORS WATCHING AN EVENT WE ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE UNFOLDING OF GODS LOVE IN US AND THROUGH US HIS VESSELS OF MERCY

BEFORE ADAM AND EVE SINNED IN THE GARDEN GOD HAD HAD FELLOWSHIP WITH THEM IN A PERSONAL DIRECT WAY BUT THEIR SIN BROKE THAT FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND FROM THAT DAY FORWARD GOD HAS BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING THAT FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS CHILDREN

GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS TO DWELL AMONG US JESUS BEING GOD WITH US JOHN 1:14 THE WORD BECAME FLESH AND DWELT AMONG US JOHN 2:18-22 JESUS BODY WAS GOD'S TEMPLE

WHEN JESUS AFTER BEING CRUCIFIED AND BURIED ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY HE RETURNED TO HEAVEN AND SENT HIS HOLY SPIRIT TO DWELL IN MEN 1COR 6:19 THEIR BODIES ARE HIS TEMPLE

JUST AS GOD USED THE BODY OF JESUS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO THE WORLD NOW HE USES HIS BODY WHICH IS MADE UP OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE INDWELT BY HIM HAVING BEEN BORN AGAIN OF HIS SPIRIT HIS CHURCH

JUST AS GOD HAS REVEALED HIMSELF THROUGH HIS SON NOW HE REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR DISTINGUISHING MARK WILL BE HIS LOVE IN THEM AND THROUGH THEM

V12 NO ONE HAS SEEN GOD AT ANYTIME EXCEPT HIS CHILDREN BY FAITH 1PETER 1:8 THOUGH THEY HAVE NOT SEEN HIM THEY LOVE HIM AND THAT IS HOW GOD HAS CHOSEN TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO THE WORLD HIS LOVE WOULD BE SEEN IN THEM AND THROUGH THEM AS THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF THROUGH THE LIVES OF HIS CHILDREN MEN MIGHT NOT SEE GOD BUT THEY CAN SEE US AND IF GOD ABIDES IN US WE WILL LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND HIS LOVE WILL BE PERFECTED I N US

V13 BY THIS WE KNOW THAT WE ABIDE IN HIM AND HE IN US HAVING OUR SPIRITUAL UNION WITH HIM BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED HIS LOVE IN US AND NOW IT WILL BE EXPRESSED THROUGH US

V14-15 WE BEING THE APOSTLES HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD CONFESSING THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD

V16 WE HAVE COME TO KNOW GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE AND HAVE BELIEVED GROWING IN FAITH THE MORE WE LOVE GOD THE MORE WE UNDERSTAND THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE MORE WE UNDERSTAND THE LOVE OF GOD THE MORE WE TRUST HIM

JOHN 14:23 IF ANYONE LOVES ME HE WILL KEEP MY WORD AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM AND WE WILL COME TO HIM AND MAKE OUR ABODE WITH HIM

WE HAVE LOOKED AT GOD'S LOVE BEING PROCLAIMED IN THE WORD PROVED AT THE CROSS BUT HERE WE HAVE SOMETHING DEEPER GOD'S LOVE IS PERFECTED IN THE BELIEVER IT IS NOT MADE PERFECT IN ANGELS BUT IN SINNERS SAVED BY HIS GRACE HIS TEMPLES REVEALING HIS LOVE IN US AND THROUGH US TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD