

More of Jesus = More of God, *God is Love*

John 14: 8 Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us."

9 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'? **10** Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.

There is no difference between Sin and Sinning

- **Rom 5:13** To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. **14** Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

Sin is equal to all and all have Sinned

- There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, [2Rom 3:23](#) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Sin brings death and Sinning reveals Sin so that none are innocent.
- It is only our understanding of the Law that brings the thought that one salvation took more than another, this can lead us to become judgemental, Jesus had to die for all.

Jesus had a way of turning our understanding of the Law on it's head.

- [Matt 5:21](#) "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' [22](#) But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.

What we are looking at today is Sin

- [Rom 7:21](#) So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
[22](#) For in my inner being I delight in God's law;
[23](#) but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. [24](#) **What a wretched man I am!**
Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? [25](#) Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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- If we can not apply the horror of Sin, as it's ugliness is revealed through the Law, to ourselves we will find it hard to get in touch with the contrite and broken heart that makes this cry.
- **Ps 51: 16** You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it;
you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- **17** My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart
you, God, will not despise.

The Good News, we have the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

- [7](#) Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. [8](#) Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. [9](#) This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. [10](#) This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. [11](#) Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. [12](#) No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

What is Love is made clear

- [1 Cor 13:3](#) If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- [4](#) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5](#) It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6](#) Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7](#) It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
- [8](#) 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. [9](#) For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10](#) but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. [11](#) 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 the ways of childhood behind me. [12](#) For now we see only a 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.

Faith through Love

- [Gal 5:5](#) For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. [6](#) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

The old man does not give up.

- [Rom 7:14](#) We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. [15](#) I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. [16](#) And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. [17](#) As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. [18](#) For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. [19](#) For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. [20](#) Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

More of Jesus=More of God= Love more

- [1 Joh 4:16](#) And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
- God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. [17](#) This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. [18](#) There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
- [19](#) We love because he first loved us. [20](#) Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. [21](#) And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Lets Remember

- **Gal 5:13** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. **14** For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." **15** If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.