

Forever Love — Presence & Personality of Jesus

I. Love Story!!! His Story

Small things done with great love.

Adam placed in the garden to *cultivate* & *protect*. The entire Earth is the Temple and we are the Priests and Kings.

Love is the subject of most human literature

“First we’re going to fall in love,
then we’re going to change the world.
Let’s keep first things first.”

John 15:9 NIV “As the Father has **loved** me, so have I loved you. Now **remain in my love**. 11 I have told you this so that **my joy may be in you** and that **your joy may be complete**.

12 My command is this: **Love each other as I have loved you**.

1 John 4:16 NIV ... God is love. Whoever **lives in love** lives **in** God, and God **in** him!

THE TEMPLE & THE PRIESTHOOD

II. The Culture of His Presence — We deliver love as salt and light into a corrupt and dark world

A. Above All — A Tangible & Holy Affection

1 Pet 4:8 NKJ And **above all** things **have fervent love** for one another, for “**love will cover a multitude of sins**.”

NIV deeply, HCSB... at full strength, MSSG as if your life depended on it.
AMP ... intense and unfailing

Not just toleration... a cultivation of intense feelings of deep affection.

An action that produces a feeling in others.

We bring Heaven to Earth in simple everyday life by living in
LOVE

John 3:16 NKJ For God so **loved the world** that He gave His only begotten Son, ...**17** ... that the world through Him might be saved.

B. Describing Love: this is the **personality of Jesus**

1 Cor 13:4 NIV Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. **5** It is not rude, 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...

Sixteen Personality Traits of LOVE... Love as I have Loved

What LOVE is like

1. Never gives up — *makrothumia*
2. Acts in kindness

What LOVE Doesn't Do:

3. **No more envy.** It wants what you have. "I wish they had picked me. Subtle expressions - competition. Sarcasm. **Schadenfreude**
4. Cancel the "**ME**" parade! (seeks not its own)
5. Don't puff it up, **Let the air out.** Who are we trying to impress?
6. No bad manners!
7. **Not me first.**

Jas 3:16 NIV For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find **disorder** and **every evil practice**.

8. Not touchy, (fly off the handle)
9. **No records of wrongdoings kept! FIRE THE ACCOUNTANT!**

10. Finds NO JOY in unrighteousness, evil

What LOVE does:

11. **Rejoices** with TRUTH, REALITY, BEAUTY

12. **Bears all**, Puts up with, Keeps Confidential! **στέγω** (stego)

13. **Believes all** **FIRE THE CYNIC!**

14. **Hopes all** **FIRE THE PESSIMIST!**

15. **Bears all** —Stands Under All Pressures

16. Never Falls to a Lower Level!

III. Cultural Revolutionaries!

A. **Fire the Accountant, the Cynic, the Pessimist**

B. **Celebrate Everyone Around You**

1 Cor 13:7 AMP Love ... **is ever ready to believe the best of every person**, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances...

This releases the culture of Heaven on Earth!

C. **Cheerfully Carry the Divine Presence into Your Everyday Situation — Renew the Wonder!!!**

1 John 3:1 NKJ **Behold! what manner of love** the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called **children of God!** Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. 2 Beloved, **now** we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Communion (Participation) in the Body & Blood, Soul & Divinity

Communion in the Trinity. Father, Son, Holy Spirit —
We Participate in their Unity.

Communion of Divine and Human in the God-Man Jesus
Christ!

This is the Passover sacrifice! We celebrate His gift to us!

This is food for the Journey to sanctify all the world around us.
We consume the Body and the Blood, the Soul and Divinity,
of the Son of God.

TAKING TIME FOR THE LOVE OF GOD

The Bread of His Body, His Presence

The Cup of the eternal love covenant made in His blood

We participate in and express the DIVINE NATURE!

ALL of HIM for You. ALL of You for Him!

We love the world the way He loved the world.

Salt preserving and flavoring. Light filling the world with options.

Our work is our ministry! Do it with great love. You SANCTIFY
the world around you with DIVINE PRESENCE and LOVE.

As the Father sent me, so I am sending you!