

What Shall We Say? (Part 2)

I. THE TRUTH ABOUT LIFE

A. The Creator and **ALL** Creation is FOR us.

Rom 8:28 **ESV** And we know that for those who **love God** **ALL things** work together for **good**, for those who are **called according to his purpose**. **29** For those whom he **foreknew** he also **predestined** to be **conformed** to the **image** of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. **30** And those whom he **predestined** he also **called**, and those whom he called he also **justified**, and those whom he justified he also **glorified**. **31** **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?** **32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously **give us ALL things?**

God is FOR us!! He's COMPLETELY for us! ALL the time!

SOME is the negation of **ALL!**

Not SOME things, but ALL things.

He has ALL authority, not SOME authority!

He is with us ALWAYS, not SOMETIMES!

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B. Love is the Holy of Holies, the place of miracles

1 John 4:16b So we have come to **know** and to **believe** the love that God has for us. **God is love**, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

*It is revolutionary to think that God loves me **unconditionally, whole heartedly, continually.** God is for me, not against me.*

II. LIGHT IN THE TUNNEL – IN HIS LIGHT WE SEE!

A. The Lens of Our Mind – Seeing Light and Life

1 John 1.5 ESV **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

WE LEARN TO PERCEIVE LOVE (or SEE LIGHT) during our **FORMATIVE** years, 0-12. Our lymbic system is **formatted** with emotional templates. This part of our mind is formed by

What we observe & How we are treated.

Prov 22.6 ESV Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

DARKNESS	LIGHT
Compared to others, I come up short	Compared to others, I come up me! Our value is in our individuality. Jer 1.5 ESV “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you..”
I deserve second best	What Father has given, is OURS! Rom 8:32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us ALL things?

It is strategic to the enemy to mess up children, embedding fear into their personalities. That way, they will make wrong choices.

John 8.31 ESV ...“If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, 32 and you will **know** the truth, and the truth will **set you free.**”

Lies create bondage!

Social surroundings & experiences— family, neighborhood, schools, pop culture etc.

Media (Television, Movies, Songs), Advertising and Marketing

STRATEGY: If we don't see the LOVE around us, then we will make harmful choices. The enemy focuses on children, in order to **format** them for **fear** (darkness) instead of **love**.

1Jn 4:18b NLT ... **If we are afraid**, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love. (of God)

Fear can come from seemingly respectable sources:

Professor **Paul Ehrlich** teaches in the Biological Sciences department at, Stanford. In 1968 he wrote **The Population Bomb** which opened with these sentences-

"The battle to feed all of humanity is over.

In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. At this late date nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate..."

He didn't say that overpopulation **could** become a problem one day, or that feeding the world's growing population **could become a challenge**. ... He also predicted that by 1980 all animal life in the planet's oceans would be extinct and that by the year 2000, England will have ceased to exist.

He is still a highly paid and respected professor at Stanford! Would you want this man teaching your child in exchange for your tuition payment of \$60,000?

SO HOW DO WE LIVE? HOW IS THE INNER FORMATING REVEALED?

In situation, after situation, we INTERPRET our experience either in LOVE or FEAR... LIGHT or DARKNESS.

We are on a mission as LOVE AMBASSADORS, undoing the DARKNESS.

YOU HAVE an ASSIGNMENT in your field of influence!

It's not about **perfection**, it's about **direction**!

[Luke 12.32 ESV](#) "Fear not, little flock, for **it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**

II. REWRITING THE SCRIPT IN OUR HEART!

PURSUIT of THE HEART

[Matt 5.3 ESV](#) "**Blessed** are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

There is always **more**. It is **accessible**.

[Matt 13.44 ESV](#) "The kingdom of heaven is like **treasure hidden** in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his **joy** he goes and **sells all** that he has and **buys** that field.

[45](#) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant **in search of fine pearls**, [46](#) who, on finding one **pearl of great value**, went and **sold all** that he had and **bought** it.

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III. RE-FORMAT-ION Replace the Lies — With Truth

1 John 3.8 NKJ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. **For this purpose** the Son of God was manifested, that **He might destroy** the works of the devil.

Rom 14.17 ESV For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of **righteousness** and **peace** and **joy in the Holy Spirit**.

Tsedeqah - relational communion

Shalom - provision on every level

Simcah - emotional wholeness

WHAT SHALL WE SAY?

Rom 15.13 NIV May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

IS IT POSSIBLE?

Eph 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.