

Pakistan Offering

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Unseparated from His Love

I. Living in Love Frees Us From Illusions

1. God is Love. Living in Love is Pure Holiness!

1 John 4:16 NIV 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 him. 17 In this way, love is **made complete ...in this world we are like him**.

Love is ETERNAL INFINITE UNCREATED REALITY!

2. Love Eliminates Fear

1 John 4:18 There is **no fear in love**. But **perfect love drives out fear**,...

Fear is TEMPORARY LIMITED DISTORTION of REALITY

3. A Prosperous Soul is the INLET for Abundance

3 John 1:2 NAS95 Beloved, I pray that **in all respects** you may prosper and be in good health, *just as your soul prospers*.

4. In Him (in Love) We Are Surrounded By Infinite Solutions

Mark 9:23 ESV And Jesus said to him, "If you can't! **All things are possible for one who believes.**"

Mark 10:27 ESV Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For **all things are possible with God.**"

II. The Journey to Love & Abundance — Psalm 23

1. Foundation — God Loves Me and Takes Care of Me!

Ps 23:1 ESV The LORD is my shepherd; *Wisdom & Care*
I shall not want. *Shalom*

2. Transformation

- a. *Rest & Tranquility*
- b. *Restoration into Right Relationship*
- c. *Replace Fear with Love's Presence*

3. Abundance and Overflow

- 5 You prepare a table before me... God (Love) the HOST,
you anoint my head with oil; Attract, Heal, Empower
my cup overflows. Abundance... Saturation

4. Endless Blessing (only TOV & CHESD)

- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me Tov...Chesed
all the days of my life, Constant Pursuit
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord Restored
forever. Shuv

III. Transformation into the Image of Love

1. Changing Our Thought Patterns

*First, we're going to fall in love
Then, we're going to change the world
Let's keep first things first.*

Rom 11:33 ESV Oh, the **depth** of the **riches** and **wisdom** and **knowledge** of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

12:1 I appeal to you **therefore**, brothers, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies** as a **living sacrifice**, **holy** and **acceptable** to God, which is your spiritual worship.

<< Rom 6:13 **Do not present your members** to sin as **instruments for unrighteousness**, but **present yourselves** to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and **your members** to God as **instruments for righteousness**. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you,... >>

12:2 **Do not be conformed to this world**, but be **transformed** (transfiguration) by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may **discern** what is the will of God, what is **good** and **acceptable** (pleasing) and **perfect**.

Eph 4:23 ... be *renewed in the spirit of your minds*, 24 and to put on the new self, created *after the likeness of God* in true righteousness and holiness.

Col 3:10 ... put on the new man, which is being *renewed in knowledge** after the *image of its creator*. **epignosis* (to know what He knows)

The Way I Think, My Internal Script, expresses my Reality!

2. Rooted & Grounded in LOVE!

Internal Abundance & Infinite Re — Sourcing

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*.

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*?

33 *Who* shall *bring any charge* against *God's elect*? It is God who justifies. (PRONOUNCES "RIGHTEOUS!")

34 *Who* is to *condemn*? Christ Jesus is the one who *died*—more than that, who was *raised*—who is at the *right hand* of God, who indeed is *interceding* for us.

<<Ps 27:1 The LORD is my *light* and my *salvation*; *whom* shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; *of whom* shall I be afraid? >>

35 *Who* shall *separate us from the love* of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, *in all these things* we are more than conquerors *through him who loved us*. 38 For **I am sure** that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor

powers, 39 nor height nor depth, ***nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us*** from ***the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

Love is the Holy Place of Infinite Possibilities & Internal Abundance *<I shall not want; my cup runs over>*

3. Get Rid of The Obstacles — My Problems!

We think we have many problems, really just one — separation from God (from His love nature)

Phil 4:7 ESV Rejoice in the Lord ***always***; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to ***everyone***. ***The Lord is at hand***; 6 ***do not be anxious*** about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication ***with thanksgiving*** let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the ***peace of God***, which surpasses all understanding, ***will guard your hearts and your minds*** in Christ Jesus.

*My Problems are **not even in** God's thoughts:*

Jer 29:11 NKJ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of ***peace*** and not of ***evil***, to give you a future and a hope.

4. Show Up in LOVE and Change the World!

Col 3:23 NIV ***Whatever you do***, work at it ***with all your heart***, as working ***for the Lord***, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

If Jesus were your Boss, you might walk in with an attitude of:

Optimism (Be Positive)

Love (Shine)

Joy (Have Fun)

Enthusiasm (Go For It!)

We are the image and likeness of the Creator – the Holy, Loving, Joyful Trinity.

We are a manifestation of Love in Thought, Word, and Deed. Internal Abundance!

Our work life is not **separate** from our spiritual life, but **central** to it! Whatever your business, it is your ministry!

BLESSED to be a BLESSING!

How do we BLESS the people we are going to work with, interact with? We remember Who lives within us, and Who we ARE...

(I know the thoughts I have toward you, **thoughts of SHALOM...**)

Pray for their happiness,

that we will be an instrument of God's best in their life,
that they will be better off for having interacted with us.

Ps 67:1 ESV May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us, *Selah*

2 that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

4 **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. *Selah*