

## What Shall We Say?

### I. PRECONDITIONS AND RESPONSE

Love is the New Commandment, it is the Great Commandment. Jesus calls it “My Commandment.”

#### A. Love is the Holy of Holies

1 John 4:16 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.

God’s LOVE is supernatural, uncreated, infinite, UNEARNED. It is the place of miracles, of unlimited resources, redemption and creativity.

#### B. The Lens of Our Mind – Seeing Light and Life

1 John 4.8 ESV Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

**CONDITION:** Absence of Love is DARKNESS.

1 John 1.5 ESV This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we **walk in darkness**, we lie and do not practice the truth.

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

Ps 36.9 ESV For with you is the fountain of life;  
**in your light do we see light.**

John 1.4 ESV In him was life, and **the life was the light of men.** 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome (comprehended) it.

WE LEARN TO PERCEIVE LOVE (or SEE LIGHT) during our **FORMATIVE** years, 0-12. Our limbic 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.

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

Sources of the DARKNESS, false values, harmful experiences, etc.

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

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

LIE	TRUTH
There is something wrong with me, therefore I am unlovable	There is something wrong with everybody, I am loveable
You are expected to know things you've never learned	I should be taught things I do not know.
I must take on the responsibilities of others	I will help others if I can.
If food tastes good, it is good	Food must be health giving
Education, Exercise are HARD	Education, Exercise are GOOD

**STRATEGY:** If we don't see the LOVE around us, then we are deceived and will make harmful choices. The enemy fo-

cuses 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)

*SO HOW DO WE LIVE? HOW IS THE SCRIPT REVEALED*

In situation, after situation, we INTERPRET our experience either as LOVE or DARKNESS.

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

YOU HAVE an ASSIGNMENT in your field of influence!

**2 Cor 4.4 AMP** For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [**that they should not discern the truth**], preventing them from seeing the ... light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ, ...

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

## **II. REWRITING THE SCRIPT IN OUR HEART!**

### **INNER DIALOGUE REVEALS THE PROGRAMMING.**

**Rom 8:31 ESV** **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?**

That's the ROCK BOTTOM of our FOUNDATION OF LOVE:

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

**SOME is the negation of ALL!**

Rom 8.28 **ESV** And we know<sup>1</sup> that for those who love God **all things work together** for **good**,<sup>2</sup> for those who are called according to his **purpose**.<sup>3</sup>

**Not SOME** things, but **ALL** things.

He has **ALL authority**, not **SOME authority**!

He is with **us ALWAYS**, not **SOMETIMES**!

Here is **REALITY** from **Psalm 32**

**Ps 32.10 NLT** Many sorrows come to the wicked,  
but unfailing **love surrounds** those who **trust** the LORD.

**NET** ... the LORD's **faithfulness overwhelms** the one who trusts in him.

**What then shall we say to these things?** If God is for us,  
who can be against us?

**Only appropriate response:**

**ESV 11** **Be glad** in the LORD, and **rejoice**, O righteous,  
and **shout for joy**, all you upright in heart!

**What about our foul-ups, mess-ups, bad choices, wrong behaviour?** **WE NEED TO KNOW HIS TRUE NATURE!**

**Mic 7.18 ESV** Who is a God like you, **pardoning** iniquity

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<sup>1</sup> οἶδα – to perceive, understand, know how. To recall from memory, to comprehend the meaning of something, have in**FORMATION**,

<sup>2</sup> ἀγαθός – high quality, beneficial, generous, of high worth, virtuous,

<sup>3</sup> πρόθεσις – planned in advance, the bread placed before God

and **passing over** transgression  
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,  
because he **delights in steadfast love**.

- 19 He will again have compassion on us;  
he will **tread our iniquities underfoot**.  
You will **cast all our sins**  
**into the depths of the sea**. (Ex 15-horse & rider)

Isa 43.25 ESV “I, I am he who **blots out** your transgressions  
**for my own sake**, and **I will not remember your**  
**sins**.”

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who can be against us?

### III. RE-FORMAT-ION — Erase the Lies!

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.

**His WORKS are the LIES that misinform human beings!** That  
turn them from LIGHT to DARKNESS.

John 8.31 NKJ Then Jesus said ... “If you abide in My word  
(LOGOS), you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall  
**know<sup>4</sup> the truth**, and **the truth shall make you free.**”

John 8.44 NIV .... (The devil) was a murderer from the begin-  
ning, ... When he lies, he speaks his native language, for  
he is a liar and **the father of lies**.

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<sup>4</sup> γινώσκω - know by experience

**YOUR ASSIGNMENT IS TO DESTROY THE LIES AND RELEASE THE LIGHT! YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

**What then shall we say to these things?** If God is for us, who can be against us?

**WHAT SHALL WE SAY? LET'S FLIP THE SCRIPT!**

**PRAYER to FLIP THE SCRIPT!**

**Eph 3.14 ESV** For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ...

**16** that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

**17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being **rooted** and **grounded in love**, **18** may have strength to **comprehend** with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, **19** and to **know** the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

**IS IT POSSIBLE?**

**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.