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(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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**The Intimacy of Jesus' Love (God's Love
Language 9)**

"Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14:23

Understand that, your love for Jesus is an outflow of His love for you.

We have looked more into this by establishing that, your love for Jesus is not an unconditional love. However, your love for Jesus is according to the condition of His love. To love Jesus is to delight in Him (***Read Loving Jesus 2***). To love Jesus is for Him to be your craving, your desire and pleasure. This is how you keep His commandments or words; by essentially desiring the Lord. The one who craves, desires, highly esteems, treasures, values and is awe-struck by the Lord is the one who believes in the Lord. To believe the Lord is to totally trust or entrust and commit yourself unto Him. It is to accept and receive Him as who He says He is.

Jesus used the word "*believe*" about 85 times in the Gospel of John. And about 5 times in only John chapter 14. John 14:12, He said "***Verily, Verily, I say to you, he who believes in Me...***"

The expression verily, verily denotes "*Most Assuredly*" or a strong certainty.

Your believe in the Lord Jesus is an important response of your love to Him. Contextually, to believe in the Lord is also essential in keeping His commandments or His words. This makes you have a special relationship with the Lord.

Yes, *"for God so loved the world..."* however, it is only those who BELIEVE IN HIM, "SHOULD HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE". (See John 3:16).

To believe in the Lord is also to RECEIVE the Lord. Those who did not receive Him were "unbelievers". (John 1:11-12). Though the Lord loves all men, He only has a special intimate relationship with those who have believed or received Him. And three times in John 14, Jesus affirmed the results of keeping (treasuring, valuing, esteeming, believing, receiving, craving and desiring) His words:

a. *"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever"*. John 14:15-16

b. *He who has My commandments and keeps them,*

it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” John 14:21

c. *"Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."* John 14:23

Now there are three key expressions in these points:

- He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever.
- Will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.
- My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Now these three key expressions are not separated in reality; they all point to the same matter - **DEEP INTIMACY OF LOVE.**

See this, to receive the Helper who will abide with

you forever is to receive the person of the Holy Spirit. To be loved by the Father and the Lord even more, whereas they manifest themselves to you, is the work of the Holy Spirit. And they being in you to make their home in you, is the inward family relationship with the Holy Spirit. Each of these three expressions, which are the Lord's promise to keeping or delighting in His word, points us to a DEEP INTIMACY WITH GOD through the Holy Spirit. For God to manifest Himself, is to demystify Himself or to strip Himself naked before us. One strips his heart, deep thoughts, emotions and even body naked only in a deep intimate relationship with the other. The Holy Spirit indwells in the one who has received the Lord.

Now through your new birth experience you received the Holy Spirit, however, the more you delight yourself in the Lord, the deeper you become intimate with Him. The more you set your affection on the Lord, the more He manifests Himself to you. Beloved, grow in the intimacy of the Love of Christ.

DIG DEEPER

(John 16:7-15; Romans 8:15-16; John 7:37-39)

WE PRAY

-Thanking the Lord for indwelling us through the Holy Spirit.

-We shall behold the manifestation of the Lord in a deeper way as we will grow more intimately in our relationship with Him.

BIBLE READING IN THE YEAR 2023

Day 10: Job 29-31

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

The Lord is my greatest delight. My heart is set on Him day by day. The Holy Spirit is present in my heart in the fullness of His love. My relationship with the Lord through the Holy Spirit is getting deeper by the day.

Hallelujah!!!

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