

# Discerning the Body

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-24 NKJV

<sup>23</sup> FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD THAT WHICH I ALSO DELIVERED TO YOU: THAT THE LORD JESUS ON THE *SAME* NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD;

<sup>24</sup> AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE *IT* AND SAID, "TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS BROKEN FOR YOU; DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

# Discerning the Blood

1 CORINTHIANS 11:25-26 NKJV

<sup>25</sup> IN THE SAME MANNER *HE ALSO TOOK* THE CUP AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD. THIS DO, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK *IT*, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."

<sup>26</sup> FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THIS CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COMES.

# Fruit of the Spirit - Love

GALATIANS 5:22-23 NKJV

<sup>22</sup> BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY,  
PEACE, LONGSUFFERING,  
KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,

<sup>23</sup> GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH  
THERE IS NO LAW.

# Introduction: Love is what God Desires

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: “**Love the Lord your God** with all your **heart** and with all your **soul** and with all your **mind**.’

<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.

<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: **‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’**

<sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

# You Know Them by Their Fruits

Matthew 7:18-20 NKJV

- 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit.**
- 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.**
- 20 Therefore **by their fruits you will know them.****

# The Blood – Our Foundation and Cover

Revelation 13:8 AMPC

<sup>8</sup> And all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration *and* pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the **Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world.**

John 19:34 KJV

<sup>34</sup> But one of the soldiers with a spear **pierced his side**, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

# The Blood – God's Gift of Love

1 John 4:7-10 NLT

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for **God is love.**

<sup>9</sup> **God showed how much he loved** us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

<sup>10</sup> This is real love—**not that we loved God,** but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

# Love – The Cornerstone of Our Faith

John 3:16 AMPC

<sup>16</sup> For **God so greatly loved** *and* dearly prized the world that He [even] gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whoever **believes** in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him **shall not perish** (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

# Abide in His Love and Bear Fruit

John 15:4 NKJV

<sup>4</sup> Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, **neither can you, unless you abide in Me.**

<sup>9</sup> “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; **abide in My love.**

<sup>10</sup> If you **keep My commandments, you will abide in My love,** just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.

# Advocates and Promises

Romans 8:27-28 NLT

<sup>27</sup> And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for **the Spirit pleads for us believers** in harmony with God's own will.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes **everything to work together** for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

# Advocates and Promises

Romans 8:34-35 NLT

<sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, **pleading for us.**

<sup>35</sup> **Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?** Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

# Live in Love

1 John 4:16-18 NLT

<sup>16</sup> We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and **all who live in love live in God**, and **God lives in them**.

<sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence **because we live like Jesus here in this world**.

<sup>18</sup> Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. **If we are afraid**, it is for fear of punishment, and this **shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love**.

# Live in Love

1 John 4:19-21 NLT

<sup>19</sup> We love each other because he loved us first.

<sup>20</sup> If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for **if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God**, whom we cannot see?

<sup>21</sup> And he has given us this command: **Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.**

# Live in Love

**1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NLT**

**<sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud**

**<sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.**

**<sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.**

**<sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.**

# Conclusion: Fruit of the Spirit - Love

**We love because God first loved us**

**God sacrificed His best for us as a demonstration of His love**

**Love is our purposed commitment to sacrificially do things for others as we would desire those things done for us.**

**Love is when we sincerely desire God's best for one another and put in our best to make sure that this best is accomplished.**

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