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“I’ll Be By In A Couple Of Days” *John 11:5*

For the most part, our Lord’s enemies by their choice, the Pharisees are faithless unbelievers who are highly religious and legalistic, so much so that the Lord Jesus compared them to bright shiny mausoleums filled with decomposed lifeless bodies; indicating that they certainly have no possibility to love God the way they purport to.

In all actuality, an unbeliever cannot love God because he has no capacity to do so; loving God

is a monopoly for those who have first believed in God’s Son and therefore have the Holy Spirit within them.

Love never operates apart from grace; all true love is grace motivated and graciously expressed.

God provides true love to us through His grace because we deserve nothing from God and btw, God never rejects an unbeliever, the unbeliever voluntarily, willfully rejects the love of God.

So, how are we going to have a love for an invisible God? Only one way—we have to come to a point where we know Him.

We have a spiritual life which includes morality as a byproduct but is far greater than morality which as we’ve seen in the Pharisees, leads to arrogant legalism.

How can we personally love God without His thinking as to Who He is, in us?

All believers in Jesus Christ are beneficiaries of God’s love which has not nor will it ever reject us but we reject the love of God, when we reject the spiritual life that He has designed for us.

If we’re arrogant and not walking along the right road regarding our love for God, we’ll have no appreciation for Him and His grace plan.

Testing in this world demands the use of the mind of Christ to apply God’s grace solutions because

the temptations we face require us to overcome the sin nature by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Adam and Eve were so wrapped up with each other that their personal love for each other kept them from having the proper love for their Lord; their love for Him proved not as strong as their love for each other.

Even in the state of perfection, Adam and Eve lacked the mark of true spirituality; harmonious intimacy with God. They were perfect but they short-circuited the ultimate grace solution to everything which is personal love for Jesus Christ.

The highest expression of the spiritual life is the fact that every Church Age believer is given the capability of loving God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The love of God never rejected us, it is we who reject the love of God.

The Pharisees love darkness rather than light, so even when the Light of the World shows up and shines His light on the Father and His grace plan, the Pharisees are provoked in jealousy and hatred so they later scream “Crucify Him.”

Grace always shines a flashlight on the essence of God.

The more hopeless the situation, the greater the illumination of God’s glory or essence.

As Christians, we are not required to personally love all believers.