

How To Walk In The God Kind Of Love

I. It is possible to walk in the God kind of love

1. When we were born again we took on the nature of God

a. 1 John 4:7-8

b. It is impossible to claim to be born again and yet harbor hatred towards another brother or sister in Christ - 1 John 3:14-18

2. If we are to walk in the God kind of love we must understand exactly what this love is.

a. Rom. 5:5-9; John 3:16-17

b. Some of us love people because of either who they are or what they can do for us:

(1) Parents love their children.

(2) Married couples in the twilight of their marriage

(3) Friends who love each other.

(4) Relatives

(5) Bosses and co-workers who treat each other right.

c. The love described above is more of a selfish kind of love. It's easy to love those who love you and treat you right. Notice that God loved us irrespective of how we treated Him and still does. This is the kind of love He desires that you and I possess.

3. Since we have the Holy Spirit abiding in us we have the God kind of love in us. What we are exhorted to do is to walk in that love.

a. Eph. 4:31-32, 5:1-2

b. Bible definition of walk - To order one's behavior; practicing the principles that we learn from the Word of God. Not trying to jump into it full fledge but taking it step by step.

b. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are empowered to walk in love. All born again Christians have the divine ability to love anyone - from the lovable to the most unlovable.

c. However, many Christians do not know HOW to walk in the God kind of love. They continually allow the old nature to rise. Allow me to share with you how God taught me to walk in His love.

II. How God showed me about walking in love.

1. In 1987 I was encouraged to pray the prayers found in the 1st and 3rd chapter of Ephesians. For some reason I emphasized **Eph. 3:17-19**. I truly wanted this in my life.

2. One day while praying God began to speak to me. He showed that my problem was with my thinking.

a. God had me read **1 Cor. 13:5** and **Luke 10:27**

b. God showed me that I was thinking ill towards some of my brothers and sisters in Christ. After reading these scriptures I began to repent. I made a quality decision from then on to renew my mind and walk in love towards others.

c. **When you begin walking in love you will be tried.**