Faith In God's Love Wed 1/17/18

1 John 4:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Ephesians 3:14-20 (NKJV)

- ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,
- ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,
- ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—
- ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

1. His Mercy Endures Forever.

- 1 Chronicles 16:34 (NKJV)
- ³⁴Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.
- **2 Chronicles 5:13-14 (NKJV)**
- ¹³ indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud,

- ¹⁴ so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.
- 2 Chronicles 7:3 (NKJV)
- ³ When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, *saying*: "For *He is* good, For His mercy *endures* forever."
- 2 Chronicles 20:20-25 (NKJV)
- ²⁰ So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the LORD your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."
- ²¹ And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the LORD, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: "Praise the LORD, For His mercy *endures* forever."
- ²² Now when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.
- ²³ For the people of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy *them*. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to destroy one another.
- ²⁴ So when Judah came to a place overlooking the wilderness, they looked toward the multitude; and there *were* their dead bodies, fallen on the earth. No one had escaped.
- ²⁵ When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

2. There Is Now No Condemnation

Psalm 23 (NKJV)

23 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

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3. Fear Will Leave

Fear is the only thing that will keep you from acting in love. 1 John 4:17-19 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

4. Love Never Fails

Galatians 5:6 (NKJV)

⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love.

5. God will Never Fall Out Of Love with You.

Romans 8:35-39 (NKJV)

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

- ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
- ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
- ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Jude 20-21 (NKJV)

- ²⁰ But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,
- ²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Stay In That Love!