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Study on Love

To Those that Love God - Part 4



God has made special promises to those that love him and desires to reveal them to us that we may grow and walk in all that he has prepared for us in our relationship of love with him.

Rom 8:28-30 We know that all things work together for good for those who love (agaposin) God, to those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he foreknew (*to know before hand*), he also predestined (predetermined) to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 Whom he predestined, (*predetermined*) those he also called. Whom he called, those he also justified. Whom he justified, those he also glorified. WEB

- God is more than willing to work on our behalf to help us to be conformed to the same image as his beloved son because of our love for him.
- Our love for God is the key element that is necessary in being conformed, without it this will never take place.

1 Cor 2:6-13 We speak wisdom, however, among those who are full grown; yet a wisdom not of this world, nor of the rulers of this world, who are coming to nothing. 7 But we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, the wisdom that has been hidden, which God foreordained (*predetermined*) before the worlds (*ages*) for our glory, 8 which none of the rulers of this world has known. For had they known it, they wouldn't have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, "Things which an eye didn't see, and an ear didn't hear, Which didn't enter into the heart of man, These God has prepared for those who love (agaposin) him." 10 But to

us, God revealed them through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. 11 For who among men knows the things of a man, except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God, except God's Spirit. 12 But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might know the things that were freely given to us by God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. WEB

- God is pleased to reveal himself and what he desires and has prepared for us that love him.

1 Cor 8:1-3 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but **love** (*agape*) builds up. 2 But if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he doesn't yet know as he ought to know. 3 But if anyone **loves** (*agapa*) God, the same is known by him. WEB

- Our relationship with God is to be based on love, our love for him and his love for us.

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous, so as to forget your work and the labor of love (*agapes*) which you showed toward his name, in that you served the saints, and still do serve them. WEB

- What pleases God is not the works that we perform but the labor we do out of our love for him and his name. (*Matt 7:21-23*)
- This kind of love he will not forget

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to those who love (*agaposin*) him. WEB

- Love in its distinctive biblical understanding is more than "like"; it is unconditional, involving more will than emotion. It is always relational and often implies faithfulness and loyalty. So, in this context it refers more to a sense of loyalty toward God. UBS Handbook Series

James 2:5 Listen, my **beloved** (*agapetio*) brothers. Didn't God choose those who are poor in this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which he promised to those who love (*agaposin*) him? WEB

God has called us to be a loving functional family and being part of this we are heirs of his kingdom and to all that goes along with being children that love and honor him and his name.