

Living In The Light of Love - 1 John 4:9

Living in Relationship (The Bride)

- Relationship with God – Knowing (1 Joh 4:7-9)
 - Knowing God vs. Knowing *about* God
 - Relationship Focus (Bride, Child, Servant, Friend)
 - Knowing and Being Known (Gal 4:6-9)
 - Knowing, Love and Intimacy
 - 1 John 4:7-9, Gen 4:1(LXX), Gen 2:24, Joh 17:3, 22-23
 - The symbolism of marriage, sexuality and intimacy
 - An Intimate Relationship Involves:
 - Transparency / Honesty
 - Passion / Affection
 - Loyalty / Fidelity
 - Communication / Intimacy (the act)

Living in Dependence (The Child)

- Depending on God (1 Joh 4:10)
 - Acknowledging Inability (Gal 3:10, Luke 12:25-32)
 - We cannot even manage our own lives (Luke 12:25-32)
 - We must depend on Christ to live in/thru us (Rom 8:10)
 - Receiving His Provision
 - Christ's righteousness and sanctification (1 Cor 1:30)
 - God's provision for material needs
 - Our name, identity, value, and glory
 - Abandoning Self
 - Oswald Chambers Quote

Living in Relationship (The Servant)

- Relationship with Each Other (1 Joh 4:11-12)
 - Fruit of the Spirit: Relationship-Focus (Gal 5:22-23)
 - Christ-like Love
 - Enjoying Each Other
 - Making Peace
 - Respect and Patience
 - Kind Encouragement
 - Goodness: Meeting Needs
 - Faithful Truth-Speaking
 - Gentleness
 - Controlling our self focus

Living in Trust

(The Friend)

- Trusting in God (1 Joh 4:15-19)
 - To Trust God, We Must Trust Who He Is
 - God is good, holy, just, righteous, pure, etc...
 - These attributes help us trust Him with other people
 - God is LOVE (1 Joh 4:15-19)
 - This alone helps us trust Him with ourselves
 - We live in Christ (*abiding*), not for Him (self-focus)
 - We can have confidence in our relationship with Him
 - We can love instead of fear Him
 - He is the source of all love (1 Joh 4:19)

A Simple Question...

Will you trust the heart of the One who knows you, who loves you as you are and whose love can make you whole?

John 14:5-9

- Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

John 8:52-55

- The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' But you have not known him. I know him. If I

were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word.

1 John 4:7-9

- Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.

Genesis 4:1

- And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

Genesis 2:24-25

- Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

- “cleave” – to cling

John 17:3

- And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17:22-23

- The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Galatians 4:6-9

- And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

Galatians 3:10-11

- For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith."

Luke 12:25-26, 29-32

- And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?
...
- And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

Galatians 2:20

- I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Rom 8:10

- But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

1 John 4:10

- In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 Corinthians 1:30

- He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

1 John 4:11-12

- Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Galatians 5:22-23

- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

1 John 4:15-19

- Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. We love because he first loved us.

Abandon in the profound sense is of infinitely more value than personal holiness. Personal holiness brings the attention to bear on my own whiteness, I dare not be indiscreet, or unreserved, I dare not do anything in case I incur a speck. God can't bless that sort of thing, it is as unlike His own character as could be. The holiness produced through the indwelling of His Son in me is a holiness which is never conscious of itself. There are some people in whom you cannot find a speck and yet they are not abundantly blessed of God, while others make grave indiscretions and get marvelously blessed; the reason being that the former have become devotees of personal holiness, conscientious to a degree; the latter are marked by abandonment to God. Whatever centers attention on anything other than our Lord Himself will always lead astray. The only way to be kept cleansed is by walking in the light, as God is in the light. Only as we walk in that light is the holiness of Jesus Christ not only imputed, but imparted, to us.

- Oswald Chambers