



Sunday 20 October 2013

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES
3. IN THE LOVE OF GOD



SCRIPTURES

- Jude 20-21
- Romans 5:1-2, 6-9
- 1 John 3:1

JUDE 20-21

(NIV) But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ **keep yourselves in God's love** as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

(NASB) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ **keep yourselves in the love of God**, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

ROMANS 5:1-2, 6-9

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,² through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.

⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

⁸ **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

1 JOHN 3:1

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and such we are.

PURSUIING GODLINESS

- requires developing spiritual disciplines
 - we are learning to walk
 - with regards to truths **we can't see**
 - in the face of things **we can see**
- The devil tries to undermine what God has said to us
 - Don't let him!

PSALM 3:1-3

○ Lord, how my adversaries have increased! Many are rising up against me.² Many are saying of my soul, “There is no deliverance for him in God.” Selah.

³ But You, ○ Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the One who lifts my head.

SEE WHAT LOVE!

- How do you know if God loves you?
 - Can you feel it? How does BEING loved feel?
 - Can you see it?
- God DEMONSTRATED it
 - Jesus CAME for you
 - Jesus DIED for you

KEEP YOURSELF IN HIS LOVE

- We must **keep** ourselves in His love
 - Not just intellectually remember!
 - An active, deliberate practice (discipline)
- Speak to yourself
 - In good times
 - Especially in bad times

