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UNDERSTANDING GOD’S LOVE AND HOLINESS

“Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.” (Deuteronomy 7:9)

Objectives

Knowledge of God’s Will	God shows His love for us through our family members. Our holiness is shown through our actions and reliance on the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.
Knowledge of God	God is love, and He is holy.
Good Works	Live out love in our daily lives. Be holy, and have a plan to stay holy.

A. What Is Love?

Because He existed before anything else, all love actually begins with God. When we understand that God is love, we can understand how God loves us and how we should love God.

B. The Love of God

1. **Enduring, merciful, and free:** His death on the cross is only a small part of the qualities of God’s love. There are many ingredients that make up love, and the love of God even more so because it is so vast. His love is enduring, merciful, and has no price except our own love in return.
2. **The bride of Christ:** God’s love is a covenant, which means that there are responsibilities that both parties must keep (Eph 5:24). The love of God is not merely an emotional response to someone but requires our understanding of God and His commandments (1 Jn 5:2–3).

C. What Is Holiness?

For humankind, holiness is something impossible to achieve without God, who Himself is holy. But in what way is God holy? God is holy because no sin exists in Him. It is simply not in His nature to do wrong or wickedness. Not only is God incapable of doing evil, but He also detests it in His children (Lev 11:44).

A Holy Nation: God has set us apart as His own special people because He loves us (1 Pet 2:9–10).

1. **We belong to God:** We do not belong to ourselves, but to God. We are His special people, and have been cleansed and purified, so we have to put aside our personal desires and passions.
2. **We have been called by God:** If something is not holy, it cannot belong to God. God has sanctified us and called us to be saints, or holy people (Rom 1:6–7). Those called by God have the responsibility to pursue holiness in accordance with His word.

Life Application

1. Don’t Hold Back; Love God with Your Whole Being!

Love cannot be an afterthought; we need to pay attention to its growth and cultivate it daily. To do so, we must truly embrace Jesus. And as we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, the love of God will grow in our hearts.

2. A Plan to Stay Holy

Without holiness, no one can see God (Heb 12:14), so we must strive to avoid temptation. To do so, we must come up with a plan to help each other stay holy. When we live a life of simplicity and holiness, we glorify God.

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Lesson 4 Homework Assignment

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Deuteronomy 7:9):

1. What does this verse teach us about our covenant with God?

2. "But you are a _____ generation, a royal priesthood, a _____ nation, His own _____ people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who _____ you out of darkness into His marvelous _____." (1 _____ 2:9)

3. According to our study of Deuteronomy 7:6–11, how do we stay in the love of God?

4. How is God holy? What does this mean for His followers?

5. What actions will you take this week in order to grow in your love? Consider what you lack the most according to 1 Corinthians 13:4–8.

6. What aspect of your life do you need to change in order to become more holy?