



RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 22 JULY 2023 SATURDAY DEVOTIONAL: LOVE AND GODLINESS 2

Description

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MEMORISE: 1 John 4:8 (KJV)

He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love

BIBLE TEXT: 1 John 4:7-10 (KJV)

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

⁹ In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

¹⁰ Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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Verse 8 of our text which is our memory verse, says: ***“He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love”*** (1 John 4:8).

This Scripture implies that not all people we find in Church know God or can be trusted.

The early Church leaders did not take the issue of love lightly because they knew godliness is tested by the amount of love a believer possesses.

Paul the Apostle prayed thus:

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

It takes love to be godly because God is love. This love made Him give up His only begotten Son as a sacrifice for us so that we would not perish (John 3:16 and 1 John 4:9).

This is the standard that the Almighty God has set for those who claim to be His children.

Love makes people go the extra mile in helping others. Jesus commended the good Samaritan in Luke 10:33-37 because the proof of God in us is doing good.

Our Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated this as recorded in Acts 10:38:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

James the Apostle described love in practical terms when he wrote: ***“Yea, a man may say Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”*** (James 2:18).

The proof of godliness is service to humanity, according to 2 Timothy 2:21. John also says:

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

It is a divine commandment for all children of God to continue in His love. Are you living in the love of Christ?

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Father, please fill me with every good work and let me reflect Your love to the world.

RCCG BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Isaiah 29-31

RCCG HYMN 13: Jesus Loves Me, This I Know

1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me He who died,
Heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

3 Jesus loves me, loves me still,
Tho' I'm very weak and ill
From His shining throne on high
He will watch me where I lie.

4 Jesus loves me He will stay
Close beside me all the way,
If I love Him when I die
He will take me home on high.

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