

Ask Dr. Lillie “How Can I Walk in Love?”

Question: How can I walk in love? I try to love people, but sometimes I don't. In 1 John 4:7-8 the Bible says that “love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God, and he that loveth not knoweth not God.” Does this mean if I don't feel love toward everyone, that I don't know God?

Answer: In order to understand this Scripture it is necessary to know the meaning of the words used here. Let's start with the word “love.” The word “love” does not mean that one should have a warm fuzzy “feeling” toward everyone. Feelings have absolutely nothing to do with the word love and what it means or what it is. Exactly the opposite is true. Our text here says that, “God *is* Love.”

Now we need to understand something about what the name “God” means. The Bible tells us that “God *is* Truth,” *so if we do not know Truth, we do not know God*. The Scriptures also tell us that “*God is Light, God is Life, and God is Spirit.*”

John 1:1 says that God is the Word that was in the beginning with God and was God. Mark 4:14 says, “The sower soweth the word.” The Bible also says that God gives “seed” to the sower, and that the “seed” is the Word. When we look at these different Scripture references together we get a much better picture of what is required of one in order to be able to “walk in love.”

Certainly to know God, Who is Love -- as has already been said -- is not having some emotional feeling toward someone or something. Our text says that “*one who loveth not, knoweth not God.*” God is Spirit, and all who know, acknowledge, and commune with God must do so in Spirit and in Truth. This means that one who has no “love,” passion, and desire to know and have Knowledge of Truth, has no love and affection for Life, since God *is* Life. The name “God” encompasses all of this.

Knowledge that is Truth is God, and it is *known* only in Spirit. *In order for one to know God (Who is Spirit) as his Heavenly Father, he would need to know himself as being Spirit.* We must also consider that the “nature” of God is divine, and not as man's nature is. This means that as we partake of the Word of God, which is Truth, and know and acknowledge God only -- in

Spirit -- and if we know that we are of God, who is our Father, then we know ourselves to **be as** our Father is.

One cannot "**know God**" except by the Spirit of Revelation. By the Spirit, Truth is revealed, and in this manner we receive and know Wisdom from Above. When we acknowledge Truth as Wisdom only, we are then able to make right choices in the way we conduct our affairs and our life.

One need not struggle to **be who** and *what* he is. One need only *know* who and what he is. One need not "try" to force himself to have feelings toward someone that he does not have. If he is begotten of God, the God-Seed remains in him; however a child that is begotten is not born until he is fully formed in the womb.

One cannot see the "form" or know the "nature" of the child until he is born into his father's kingdom. One who is begotten of the God-Seed (Word), while he is being formed in the womb is partaking of the divine Nature of the Word, out of which he is being formed. One need not try to "be" what he is not and try to demonstrate what he does not have. Rather, he should passionately desire and seek to know who and what his real Father is, in order that he may know himself. One can "be" himself better than he can "imitate" and think himself to be someone else.

The reason mankind struggles through life is because he has lost his memory of who his Father is, and who he is -- **therefore he has also forgotten his true, divine Nature**. The greatest struggle in life is trying to "be" something or someone you are not, and trying to demonstrate and prove something that has no Reality or Truth in it.

Everyone who is begotten, formed, and born of Spirit -- is Spirit, since every species brings forth its own kind. The seed of a tree produces a tree; the seed of a man produces a man; and the Seed of God produces a Son-of-God.

After one is begotten of God (who is Spirit and who is the Word / Seed of Truth) he will grow in the Knowledge of that Truth. He will be renewed in the Spirit of his Mind as the Light of Truth expands his consciousness of Life in Spirit. If he continues to increase in the Knowledge of Truth he will begin to experience the "Light" -- that is God -- as being his own Light, and the Consciousness of his own Mind.

This is how one becomes aware and conscious of “*being one with the One God, who is his Father.*” He will become conscious of being conscious. He will become conscious of his Life and the Truth of his being in Spirit, and he will be aware that he lives and moves and has his beingness in the Light of his Mind, wherein his Life is. He lives in the “Light” of his Mind, which is Christ; therefore he is the Life that is conscious in the Spirit of his Mind. This is called the “Christ Mind.”

God is not man. God is Spirit; man is flesh, bone, and blood. ***God is Spirit and Consciousness expressing Life through Mind-matter, wherein is Truth.*** God, the Spirit, is the “head,” not the “body.” God-the-Word is the body. Mind is Spirit and Spirit is Life. Holy Spirit works through Holy Mind, and it is the head and the Lord who rules the body of His words, which are His building, His household.

God is Consciousness, Consciousness is Spirit, and in Spirit is all Life. In Mind is Spirit and Life. *An individualization of Mind that is conscious of itself as being Consciousness is a Mind that is filled with Light and Truth.* When one knows himself as being the Light, the Life, and the Consciousness of his own Mind wherein he lives, moves and has being, ***he will then know God as God is.***

In order for one to “know” man *as man “is,”* he would need to “be” a man, have what a man has, know what a man knows, and live by the nature of a man. ***Likewise, he that “knoweth” God as God “is” would need to “be” and live according to the Nature of God.*** Therefore, since God “is” Love, one could not “know” Love unless he is conscious of “being” and living his life according to God’s divine Nature.

Love is an attribute of divine Nature. Therefore one who is begotten or born of God is *as his Father is – he is Love!*

A Mind that “knows God” is Love (the daughter of Wisdom), and is filled with the Substance of Life. The Substance of Life is “Cosmic Mind Matter,” which is Consciousness! Cosmic Mind Matter is Faith! Faith is the living, invisible, creative, Spiritual Substance of all life forms.

Peace rules; Life loves; and Joy is the never-ending increase of Peace and Life in the Spirit (Mind) and in the Light of Truth (body). This is how one walks in Love. A man who is begotten of God -- after he is fully formed and he is born -- need not try or struggle to “be” what he is. ***His body is created by the***

incorruptible Word of God and he is born of the “seed and nature” of Love.

God is Love -- therefore all of His children are AS HE IS. YOU ARE LOVE...IF YOU ARE BORN OF GOD!