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# ESSENTIAL LOVE

## *Life In Christ: Living in the life and purpose of Jesus Christ*

Study Notes from the Message on January 29, 2017

### **1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NLT**

*"Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. And **do everything with love.**"*

The love of God is *essential* in our life lived for Christ Jesus and the glory of God. To be "in Christ" we are allowing His essence to be in us. This spiritual presence enables us to live in the loving image of Christ Jesus.

**1 John 4:8** says, "...anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love." We can't love the way God wants us to without having a loving relationship with Him. We have the love of God or, the "essence" of God in our lives if we love Him.

**Deuteronomy 7:9:** *Understand, therefore, that the Lord your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.*

### JESUS ECHOED THIS PASSAGE IN **JOHN 14:15-17, 23-26.**

1. What is the pre-requisite for obedience to God?
2. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit and His responsibility (refer to verses **John 14:16-17, 23, 26**)?
3. What does the responsibility of the Holy Spirit mean for us as children of the Lord seeking to please Him?
4. Living a life of the love of Jesus *sounds* way too shallow in a way. Let's take a look at the guidelines of God's love. Using **Romans 13:8-14** as a reference what is the connection of loving one another with the commandments mentioned?

5. In verse 11 (Romans 13) Paul says that loving others is “*all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out*”. He then gives instruction for believers to live rightly - loving others (verses 12-14). How does he explain this love of Christ?

We need a good Biblical reference to understand how God can use our love and devotion for Him, bringing due honor to His name. Let’s look at **Daniel 10:4-20**.

**WRITE DOWN THE MESSAGE THAT THE LORD WANTS YOU TO RECEIVE AS YOU READ DANIEL’S VISION.**

1. What do you need to proceed in your faith journey?
2. What did Daniel have confirmed in this vision?
3. What did the angel give him in answer to his request for understanding and a humbled presence before God?
4. How do all these things relate to you and what you need?