

Romans 8:29 AMP. [29] For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], **He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification]**, so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honored] among many believers.

Did you learn to love ❤️ like Jesus

Apostle John was the only male disciple at the foot of the cross & the only one Jesus trusted with His mom

Out of the 70 that went out 2 by 2, none of them stuck with Jesus to the end.

Don't criticize people because God is not willing that any should perish. (This is love because Jesus is interceding for us & everyone, so we need to be conformed to His image and pray for others)

Pray blessings on them. Bless those that curse you, do good to those that hate you.

Below is the experience of a great man of God, and his heavenly experience speaking with the Apostle Paul helps explain Apostle Paul's Ephesian prayers of chapters 1 & 3 regarding the revelation of God being love that passes knowledge and the spirit of wisdom & revelation of God being love.

When Dr. Dinakaran spoke with the Apostle Paul in Heaven, he said Jesus's voice was so full of love ❤️ on the Damascus road, he felt & knew he was loved with a great love that passed knowledge and wanted to serve this person forever whom he had been persecuting. He said everything was rubbish compared to knowing Jesus.

(Being conformed to His death = The pinnacle of Jesus's love that passes knowledge, was that He gave His life and we must be willing also per verses below)

The Greek word translated as love that we are studying is Agape, which is usually translated as benevolence or charity in the King James Version.

John 15:12-13 NASB1995 [12] **"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. [13] Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.**

1 John 3:16 NASB1995 [16] **We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

Philippians 3:7-11 NKJV [7] But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. [8] **Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord,** for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ [9] and be found in Him, **not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;** [10] **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,** [11] if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

1 John 4:8 AMPC. [8] He who does not love has not become acquainted with God [does not and never did know Him], **for God is love.**

God help me know what you are really like (below eph. 1 prayer), that you are love. (I recommend praying both ephesian prayers regularly to help conform you to Christ, which is the goal)

Ephesians 1:15-23 KJV [15] Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you **the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:** [18] the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

Knowledge of God = that God is ❤️ Love that passes knowledge it's so intense & great (Eph. 3 prayer)

Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV. [14] For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, [15] from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, [16] that **He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, [17] that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, [18] may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — [19] to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.**

(I recommend meditating on 1 Corinthians chapter 13 in an effort to be more conformed to the image of Christ. Note that love is kind & patient and if we are not kind & patient we are nothing (verse 2) regardless of how much we give)

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 NASB1995. [1] If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **but do not have love,** I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, **but do not have love, I am nothing** [3] And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, **but do not have love, it profits me nothing.** [4] **Love is patient, love is kind** and is **not jealous; love does not brag** and is **not arrogant,** [5] **does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,** [6] **does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;** [7] **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** [8] **Love never fails;** but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part; [10] but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. [11] When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. [12] For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. [13] But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but **the greatest of these is love.**

1 Peter 1:22 AMP [22] Since by your obedience to the truth you have purified yourselves **for a sincere love of the believers**, [see that you] love one another from the heart **[always unselfishly seeking the best for one another]**,

Matthew 12:20 NASB1995. [20] **A battered reed He will not break off, And a smoldering wick He will not put out,** Until He leads justice to victory.

1 Timothy 1:5 NASB1995 [5] But the **goal** of our instruction is **love** from a **pure heart** and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Love ❤️ builds up, but knowledge puffs up.....(1Cor 8:1)

Now about food sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge [concerning this]. **Knowledge [alone] makes [people self-righteously] arrogant, but love [that unselfishly seeks the best for others] builds up** and encourages others to grow [in wisdom]. 1 Corinthians 8:1 AMP

The Prayers below are good to pray regularly:

2 Thessalonians 3:5 NASB1995. [5] **May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.**

1 Thessalonians 3:12 AMPC. [12] And **may the Lord make you to increase and excel and overflow in love for one another and for all people,** just as we also do for you,

Colossians 2:2 NASB1995. [2] that their hearts may be encouraged, **having been knit together in love,** and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself,

until we all reach oneness in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, **[growing spiritually]** to become a mature believer, reaching to the measure of the fullness of Christ [manifesting His spiritual completeness and exercising our spiritual gifts in unity]. Ephesians 4:13 AMP

Beyond all these things put on and wrap yourselves in [unselfish] **love**, which is the perfect bond of unity [for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others]. Colossians 3:14 AMP

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, **causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.** Ephesians 4:15-16 NASB1995

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. James 1:26 NASB1995

He who conceals a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates intimate friends. Proverbs 17:9 NASB1995

He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is trustworthy conceals a matter. Proverbs 11:13 NASB1995

When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, **But he who restrains his lips is wise.**
Proverbs 10:19 NASB1995

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. **There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?** James 4:11-12 NASB1995

Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, Philippians 2:14-15 NKJV

1 John 3:16-18 NASB1995. [16] **We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** [17] **But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? [18] Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.**

1 John 3:23-24 NASB1995. [23] This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, **and love one another,** just as He commanded us. [24] **The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him.** We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

1 John 5:2-3 AMPC. [2] By this we come to know (recognize and understand) that we love the children of God: when we love God and obey His commands (orders, charges)—[when we keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and His teaching]. [3] For the [true] love of God is this: that we do His commands [keep His ordinances and are mindful of His precepts and teaching]. And these orders of His are not irksome (burdensome, oppressive, or grievous).

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NASB1995 [13] **Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.** [14] **Let all that you do be done in love.**

Luke 10:33-37 NASB1995 [33] **But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, [34] and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. [35] On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.'** [36] **Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers' hands?"** [37] And he said, **"The one who showed mercy toward him."** Then Jesus said to him, **"Go and do the same."**

Sanctification is part of the image of Christ who also need to be conformed too:

God is my sanctifier, He must do the sanctifying because I am His workmanship!

I pray **regularly for more purification of my mind, will & emotions per verses below:**

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV. [23] Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 CEV. [23] I pray that God, who gives peace, will **make you completely holy.** And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept healthy and faultless until our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

1 Corinthians 1:30 AMP. [30] But it is from Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God [revealing His plan of salvation], and righteousness [making us acceptable to God], and **sanctification [making us holy and setting us apart for God]**, and redemption [providing our ransom from the penalty for sin],

Psalm 51:10 AMPC. [10] **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right, persevering, and steadfast spirit within me.**