

#### **Vol 6, Day 4: God's Love, Not Yours, Will Satisfy Them**

This is love in the making. The love of God is intimate. It is God's nature. It is His very essence. 1 John 4:8 states, "... God IS love!" When we receive the Holy Spirit He unites us with God so that His love is expressed in us. When the soul is united to God by the indwelling Holy Spirit that is not the end. The end is that we may be one with the Father as Jesus was. What kind of oneness did Jesus Christ have with the Father? Such a oneness that the Father sent Him down here to be spent for us, and He says – "As the Father hath sent Me, I send you in the same manner." And that manner is love so all consuming that it even extends to those who hate us.

Peter realizes now, with the revelation of the Lord's hurting question, that he does love Him; then comes the point – "Spend it out." Don't testify how much you love Me. Express that love fluently and unreservedly. Don't waste time talking about the marvelous revelation you have had. Just - "Feed My sheep." And the food that they all need and want most is the Love of God!

Jesus has some extraordinarily funny sheep, some bedraggled, dirty sheep, some awkward, butting sheep, and all of the sheep have gone astray! It is impossible to exhaust God's love. It is impossible to diminish that love in me if it springs from the one center, the Holy Spirit. The love of God pays no attention to personality, that is, the distinctions made by natural individuality. If I love my Lord, I have no business being guided by natural temperament and affinities. I just have to feed His sheep. There will never be any release from this commission. Beware of counterfeiting the love of God by working along the line of natural human sympathy, because that will end in blaspheming the love of God.

Your own love is insufficient to deliver a God-like, unconditional affection to others. Your new nature is the presence of the Holy Spirit not a cleaned up, made-over human nature. Learning to be fully surrendered to the Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) in you is the only way to dispense the love of God!

My Confirming Scripture: My Aligning Experiences: