

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, October 19, 2014
Foundations for Healing 1:
Believing the Love

TEXT: 1Jn 4:16-19

There are 5 areas of knowledge that we need in order to have a strong basis to receive the healing (or anything else, for that matter) that God promises us:

The Love of God / Our Righteousness in Him / The flow of the anointing / How to use our faith / How to keep what we receive

♥ The love of God is important because:

- The love of God is my foundation for assurance: He is love, therefore He saved me because of Him, not because of me. 1Jn 4:8-10. / Eph 2:4-7
- Satan always pecks away at the character of God
 - It was the place He assaulted Eve in the Garden: God is holding out on you Gen 3:1-7
 - It is possible for Christians to be deceived. Do not be deceived: Jas 1:16-18
 - This is the A-number one, go to trick of the devil. Don't let him trick you!!!! Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- Love is the antidote for fear:
 - I was taught that fear and faith are opposites, therefore driving out fear requires building up my faith.
 - I was then taught that if I felt fear that was unbelief. Phooey.
 - Then I heard someone preach this verse: 1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.
 - I was then taught that if I just loved everybody perfectly I would have not fear, because fear is self-centered (That is true, but I have found it impossible)
 - Fear reflects a leak in the love bucket: Not my ability to love, but my confidence in His love for me. 1Jn 4:16

- Perfect love = complete, mature, having arrived at the intended end, Agape is commended in the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ – the One and only perfect love
- It is the revelation of the love of God for me that drives fear from me and gives me strength to hang on through the battles: Rom 8:37-39

♥ The amazing love of God.

- The world is lost. God loved us enough to send Jesus to find any old whosoever. John 3:16-17
- The love of God gives us solid ground for a hope that doesn't disappoint. Rom 5:5-10 Note the source of our knowledge of His love : Demonstration and revelation
- What kind of love addresses the thing that it finds most foul in us by using its own blood to wash it away? Rev 1:4-5
- He loved us enough to make us His children – forever connected by relationship rather than contract. 1Jn 3:1-3

♥ Know and believe

- 1Jn 4:16-19 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us.
 - Most of us acknowledge the reality of the love of God as evidenced in the cross – it really happened and it is indeed evidence of His love for **US**.
 - Believing is an individual act of acceptance that says, “He loved **ME** on that tree.” Gal 2:20
- A foundation of love requires a revelation of love: Eph 3:13-21
 - Christians can pray for strength
 - Love is our root and our foundation
 - Strength is based on knowing the love of Christ
 - The love of Christ passes knowledge – it's not a head thing.
 - **We pray for a revelation of the love of God for one another, especially of those who are having faith flops.**

“Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.”

C. S. Lewis