

PASTOR ISRAEL SHARING GOD'S LOVE FOR US

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Pastor Israel Delivers A Powerful Message Sunday At the United Methodist Church in Waterloo, Indiana

One of the simplest and yet most profound definitions of love is found in 1 John 4:8. John, who by the way was known as the apostle of love, wrote, “God is love.” Those three little words ought to fill our hearts with warmth and hope. If those words are true, it makes all the difference in the world! But we need to understand this rightly. “God is love” does not mean that “love is God.” In other words, love does not define God; rather, God defines love. Much of what we call “love” in modern America bears no resemblance or relationship to the holy, spiritual love of God. So it is important that we dig a little deeper into this passage to discover what God’s love really is. In this chapter, John indicates four characteristics of God’s love for you and me, the first of which is that God’s love is a personal love.

John begins this section of Scripture by saying, “Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:7-8 NLT). These two verses indicate that the love of God is personal. God’s love causes us to know Him, and Him to know us. I think that A.W. Tozer said it best: “The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but men.”

“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins” God’s love for us was “manifested” , or proven to us, through the life and death of Jesus. You see, love is a verb; it requires actions, it’s demonstrated through behavior—and the love of God is no exception. The Bible says, “But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners”

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For a long time African countries have been characterized by war and diseases. For example Uganda which is our base of operation, is a country which had HIV and AIDS epidemic that left many Children without parents and the biggest number of Children were left in the care of extended family members. Most of these families can not handle the financial strain the extra children bring, so any needs not considered to be primary, like education, has to be sacrificed. As a result many of these children do not get basic education. The African Dream Foundation is dedicated to providing children with food, shoes, Jiggers treatment, and education.

Since most villagers are farmers improving on the household income can come with the provision of seeds. With seeds farmers can generate more yields and provide a source of income for their families. African Culture is improving day by day in regards to women, but still there is a lot of ground work that is very much needed to be done so as to educate the people in regards to their treatment of both girls and women.

We as the African Dream Foundation believe that when mothers are empowered then Africa will become better. Poverty is the major reason for women abuse since the man is always looked to for all the basic needs, this leaves many women vulnerable to abuse since they need the financial assistance from men. This has led to cases of men having multiple partners and hence the spread of HIV. Women are also forced to have many children since they can't say no to the financial controller of their homes.

Our dream is to both Educate women about their Rights and Empower them.

