

SEPTEMBER 6

“WHAT MANNER OF LOVE IS THIS?”

READ

John 15:9, Ephesians 3:17-19

Love started before time began. God loved you before you began. What kind of love is this? Here's how John said it in one of his letters: “Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us that we should be called children of God.” That “manner of love” is this: “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you.” The human love we have for others is conditional love that changes; it doesn't even touch God's love for us. The same manner of love the Father has for Jesus, Jesus has for us. We can't understand it, but Jesus can because He is perfect, righteous and holy. You don't even understand abiding in Christ until you understand the love of Christ. You'll never grasp the love of Christ until you are abiding in Him. Every day, say to yourself, “I am in Christ and Christ is in me.” The forces of this world and human nature will constantly try to erode your relationship with God. Even when we mess up, there's no trying to “get back.” You're already in Christ. He is in you!

PRAY

Lord, give me a deeper revelation of Your eternal, unchanging, and unconditional love.

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