Love

1Co 8:3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

1Pe 4:8 And above all things have **fervent charity** among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Ga 5:5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Php 3:9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

1Ti 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Love unites a person to God. If a man loves God, he is known and accepted by God. He is not accepted by God because of knowledge only and rational positions. The man is accepted because he loves God, loves Truth and loves people. Therefore, a person who bases his life upon love and not just knowledge is the person who is known and accepted by God.

The Grace of God produces what the Law of God demands

The Grace of God Reveals what the Law of God conceals

Where there is a presence of the abundance of the Grace of God there will be a Spirit of unselfishness.

Where there is obedience to the laws of God there will be faith in Jesus Christ

Ga 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

 But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" ([Galatians 4:9](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Gal+4%3A9)).

Neverthelesss the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity" ([2 Tim. 2:19](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ti+2%3A19)).

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister" ([Hebrews 6:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+6%3A10)).

And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him" ([1 John 4:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A16)).

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" ([1 John 4:20](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A20)).

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life" ([Jude 21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jude+1%3A21)).

1John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Php 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;

10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;

11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

Daniel 9:4 And I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy **to them that love him**, and to them that keep his commandments;

Daniel’s Prayer for God’s Great Mercies

NO RIGHTEOUSNESS NO MERCY

Daniel 9:18 O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies.

18 O my God… for thy great mercies.

1. Daniel is praying, knowing that he is losing a whole generation of people to sin and desolation and possibly the next generation if they don’t repent.
2. Daniel is praying in faith knowing that only God can help them through His Great Mercy.
   * 1. The Man of God wants God to hear and see his supplications over there sin.
        1. Incline thine ear, and hear;
        2. Open thine eyes and behold

If it seems like God is not hearing, then ask yourself what are you doing?

* + 1. The Man of God wants God to be merciful to their desolations in the city of God.
       1. Behold our desolations, for thy great mercies.
       2. Behold the city which is called by thy name.

If it seems like God is not showing His Mercy, then ask yourself what mercy are you showing?

1. Daniel is praying in faith knowing that Mercy is only through the Righteousness of God.

1. God is Righteous

2. God is Merciful

1. Daniel is praying knowing that the city of God is desolate and the people deserve it, but there is Great Mercy Promised.
2. Great Mercy Promised
   * 1. The Man of God understands the Promises and his responsibility to stand until God shows His Great Mercy.
     2. The Man of God is not begging for mercy drops but is proclaiming Great Mercy.
3. Great Mercy Needed
   * + 1. The Man of God is not taking this lightly

“Behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name”

* + - 1. The Man of God is declaring if we get what we deserve we are all in trouble.

“We do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses"

We don’t want these desolations in the Holy City.

1. Daniel’s Prayer is teaching us the necessity of the Righteousness of God
   * 1. Grace, Mercy and Truth reign through Righteousness.
     2. Know Righteousness, Know Mercy
     3. Know God in Prayer, Know God in Mercy.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Ac 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

Ro 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

2Co 7:7 And not by his coming only, but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you, when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good **to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to his purpose. James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised **to them that love him**.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised **to them that love him**?

Mat. 12:33 Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.

3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

4:20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

2Co 2:8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things.

Mal 1:1 The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

2Co 12:15 And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

Re 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.