

Counter Culture 3 The Culture of Love

We are to be a culture of life, light and love amidst death, darkness, and hate.

Hebrews 10:25 "...stir up love and good works"

1 John 4:18 (Galatians 5:6)

God's love makes us fearless

A culture of love is free of fear

Ephesians 3:17-21 (KJV)

God's love releases God's ability and power

"Now God is able to do..."

When faith and love are working in our hearts; God is able to do great things

Knowing God's love for us releases His power into our situation

"Knowing that passes knowledge..."

God's love is not known carnally (5 senses) or of man's wisdom (human understanding)
– it is of God and not the flesh; it is of God and not of this world (1 John 4:7)

Finding God's Love (Three Major Sources)

1. The Spirit (by revelation)

Ephesians 1:17 (KJV) – God reveals himself by the Spirit

Matthew 16 – "...revealed by God"

John 14:17 – Spirit of Truth (God's love for us)

John. 16:13 – Spirit of Truth

2. The Cross

John 3:16; 1 John 3:16

1 John 4:9 – "In this was manifest the love of God"

1 John 4:10 – "In this was love..." (cross)

3. The Word (living and written)

John 1:14 - Jesus revealed God

Hebrews 1:3 - "the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person"

"God IS love" (1 John 4:8) – To know and see God is to know and see love

A culture of love is saturated with the Spirit, the Cross, and the Word of God (living and written)