

MATTHEW 22:37-40, Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Choosing love is choosing the way of the Kingdom. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to take dominion over our thoughts, attitudes, and actions. It is a choice to yield to the love of God that completely swallows up our selfishness and desire to be somehow exalted and lifted up for the "good things" that we do or say. It is a decision to bless rather than curse. To forgive rather than to "get justice". It is to choose to serve someone rather than demand their service. Love is costly. Yet love brings the greatest reward of all. It releases the presence of the Holy Spirit into every situation we may face.

ROMANS 5:5b, the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

It is impossible to do anything without the Holy Spirit empowering us to do it. Love is not something that you can walk in by depending upon your own power or goodness. No, to walk as Jesus walked, we must be under the control of the same Holy Spirit that controlled His thoughts, motives, and actions. It is releasing the heart of the Father into every situation. However, you cannot release what you do not possess. It is only when the love of the Father has been poured out into our lives that we can then pour out that love into someone's life.

As we ask the Father for a fresh baptism of the power of the Holy Spirit let us also seek Him with even greater zeal for a fresh infilling of His love. Remember, without love we are just making noise