

Maturing in The Love of God!

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Love made **perfect** is spiritually mature love, a love that's reached its goal and accomplished the will of God in our lives.

You see God's love has an assignment in our lives that goes beyond feelings of making us happy and successful!

The maturation of God's love changes us! (Rom 5:1-5)

1. God's love produces more and more **peace** in our hearts.
2. His love produces more **intimacy** with Him & friendliness to others.
3. God's love produces more **confidence** during trials.
4. Producing **endurance, character** and **hope** in hopeless situations.

Why? *"Because the love of God is constantly poured into our hearts by Holy Spirit! Revealing and proving God's love in every situation!"*

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God's love for us stands up against Judgment Day!

If God's love stands up during the destruction of the world, when everything is falling apart, you know God's not going to let your life fall apart!

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Fear exists where God's love is absent. Because His love in our hearts assures us we will NOT be destroyed.

Your hard times, tests and trails are not punishment from God!

Because of our revelation of God's love, we know God is not angry with us and ready to punish or harm us, not now or ever!

- The person who truly believes God loves them can **never** fear getting close to God!
- The person who truly knows God loves them can **never** see God as a **judge and executioner!**

- The person who truly knows God loves them could **never see themselves as a mistake, a failure or anything but a child of God!**

The person who truly knows God loves them **will truly love the family of God no matter what race, color or denomination.**

Immature **love of God** is love that is **underdeveloped**, a love that is **self-centered** that seldom reaches out to understand & help others.

The **mature love of God** is bold even on **Judgment Day** because as He (Jesus Christ) is so are we in this world.

Because God's love has made us righteous, holy, accepted, anointed!
God's love is making us to become what God destined for us!

As we learn to realize God's love is still working on people we give them a break for **not** being what we wish them to be when we needed them to be it!

So how do we **mature in the love of God?**

*KJV **Jude 1:20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Since faith works by love (**Gal 5:6**), love builds faith!

And what keeps us in the love of God is praying in The Holy Ghost!

Because the love of God is poured out into our hearts by Holy Spirit (**Rom 5:5**).

Intercessory prayer builds others, praying in tongues builds the prayer!

Without **praying in The Holy Spirit**, it will be almost impossible to stay in the love of God and mature as a believer!

How do we know God loves us, by Holy Spirit and how do we know God is not punishing us, because Holy Spirit loves on us and tells us?

So, we can still love people even when our life is hard like Jesus did.