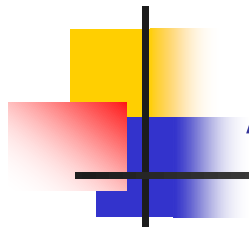


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Abba's Child – B. Mannning

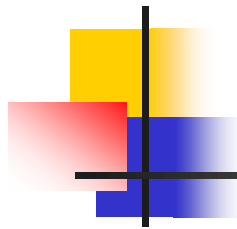
Shivering in the rags of my winter years, either I escape into skepticism and intellectualism, or with radical amazement, **I surrender in faith to the truth of my belovedness.**





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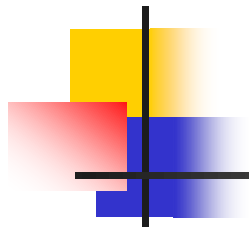
Dearly Beloved

The Christian life is the life of ***belovedness***, there is nothing to add to it and there is nothing beyond it. We surrender to the truth that we are forever safe, we are forever accepted, we are forever **acceptable**, we are forever immersed in the spirit of adoption by which we cry ABBA, Father, we are forever the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus and we will always have a future and a hope because he will never leave us or forsake us.



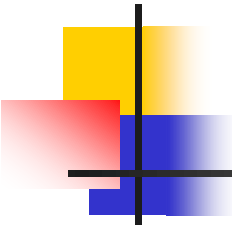
John 15:9

Just as the Father has
loved me, I have also
loved you ; **abide in
my love**



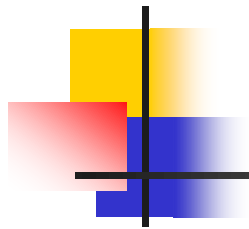
Ephesians 3:16-19

He will grant you to be **strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner person,** ¹⁷ that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because **you have been rooted and grounded in love,** ¹⁸ you will be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ^[b] ¹⁹ and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled up to^[c] all the fullness of God.



Experiencing the Power of Love

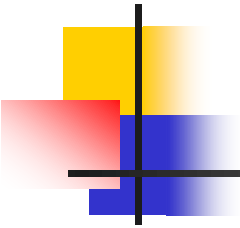
- Step one: Surrender to your belovedness, nothing can separate you from His Love
- **Purpose** is – out of that fullness of joy in recognizing how loved, how beloved, how valued and how pleasing we are to him – **begin to see those around us as also dearly beloved, and let God love them through you that way as well!!**
- Gal. 4:19 – Until Christ is formed in you
- What is the mark of a true disciple of Jesus?



Perfect = Complete, Mature

16 And we have come to know and to believe^[a] **the love that God has in us.**^[b] God is love, and **the one who resides**^[c] **in love resides in God, and God resides in him.** **17** **By this**^[d] love is perfected with^[e] us, so that we may have **confidence** in the day of judgment, because **just as Jesus**^[f] **is, so also are we in this world.** **18** There is **no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear**, because fear has to do with punishment.^[g] **The**^[h] **one who fears punishment**^[i] **has not been perfected in love.**





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- Blind Bartimaeus - Mark 10:46-52
- Zaccheus - Luke 19:1-6
- Martha - Luke 10:40-41
- Mary Magdalene - John 20:13-16



Who Is Your Assignment Today?

- Our Identity – We are Beloved of God
- Our Mission – treat EVERYONE around us as His Beloved, too, whether they know it or not yet, and whether their behavior or attitudes seem “worthy” of such love
- They won’t be changed, relationships will not be healed, souls will not be saved, until the Love of Jesus IN us flows out of us and blesses the people around us
- His Love for you and living in you **changes you first**, and **that** changes everything





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