

*"And **Thou Shalt Love The LORD Thy God** with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." Deuteronomy 6:5No2 KJV*



Love is the key that unlocks obedience; otherwise it is slavery. If a bride loves her spouse, housework is not a burden, but a joy, because it's purpose is to please a lover, not to avoid the displeasure and punishment of a master. By the same token, the groom has no qualms whatsoever about bloody knuckles, cuts and bruises acquired providing for the bride's safety and well being, and wouldn't hesitate to risk life and limb trying to protect her. God Created A Sinless Human Body in the womb of a virgin to House the Godhead; *"For In Him Dwelleth All The Fulness Of The Godhead Bodily."* Jesus Freely Gave His Life To Redeem the sons of Adam from the death curse of sin; *"For God So Loved the world, that He Gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth In Him Should Not Perish, But Have Everlasting Life."* Just as the suitor woos his love with gifts and words, our Lord has showered us with Truth and Everlasting Life! *"Despisest thou the riches of His Goodness And Forbearance And Longsuffering; not knowing that the Goodness of God Leadeth thee to repentance? We love Him, Because He First Loved us."* Like a lover serenading his balconied love, God Serenades mankind. *"The heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament showeth His Handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing."* If we concentrate on what God Has Given And Done for us rather than on what we think we lack, it will be no task at all to *"love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This Is The First And Great Commandment."* A woman had a brutal taskmaster for a husband. Each day he would leave her a list of tasks. If she failed to complete one iota of the list, she would be scolded severely and beaten. She lived in a constant state of abject fear. One day the man died. Another man wooed and won her heart. They married. Each morning he would embrace and kiss her and tell her he loved her before leaving for work. He would often bring her flowers and gifts. He supplied her every need. While cleaning one day she opened a drawer and discovered one of the old lists her former husband had given her. As she read it, a smile tugged at the corners of her mouth, and as she ripped it up, she broke into laughter, because she now did more for her current husband than her greatest effort had ever managed to do before. Love had made all the difference!

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. –Frederick M. Lehman, 1917

For the true believer, what was once painful duty under sin's bondage becomes *"Life More Abundant"* with the Lord Jesus Christ. Obedience becomes a delightful activity. Love Makes All The Difference!

"Whom having not seen, ye love; In Whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with Joy Unspeakable And Full Of Glory:" 1 Peter 1:8 KJV