

*“And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, Hope: And Hope maketh not ashamed; because The Love Of God Is Shed Abroad In Our Hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” Romans 5:3-5 KJV*



We often associate being filled with the Spirit with fervent excitement, but while the Holy Ghost can and will overwhelm our soul at times, we must remember the Spirit is God Himself, and is therefore the Word and the Father for *“these three are One.”* The Love of God is the Presence of God. The filling of the Spirit is directly proportional to the presence of the Word of God in your heart and your obedience to it. *“For Love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is Love. If ye Love Me, keep my Commandments. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.”* Obedience is not dependent on YOUR ability, but on the Presence of God’s Word in your mind and thoughts. Sin is disobedience, *“Thy Word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against Thee.”* Knowing God’s Word is the first step of obedience. *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, and in this Law shalt thou meditate day and night.”* Thinking on it is the second step. When you write or dictate a letter is it not first in your mind? God’s Written Word is His Thoughts/Mind to us. *“Let this Mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.”* The more you know God’s Word, the more you know Christ, and the more you know Christ, the more you will know His Love! *“We love Him, because He FIRST Loved us. God commended His Love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us, [for] God, Who is rich in Mercy, for His Great Love wherewith He Loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened (made alive) us together with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His Grace in His Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.”* The more God’s Love fills your soul, the more of Him you possess.

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 Lehman

The Love of God in you is only as great as the Word of Truth brought by the Spirit of Truth in your soul. Your obedience is the evidence of *“Christ in you, the Hope of Glory! Are you the evidence of God?”*

*“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in Love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the Love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the Fulness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19 KJV*