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## Has Your Heart Been Poured by the Love of God





"the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Romans5:5) Has your heart been poured by God's love? Do you have an inner, spiritual relationship to Jesus Christ? Have you ever discovered this hidden treasure? "Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:27)

"God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:5) He extended His arms on the cross in order to He might embrace you. Why do you

not instantly cast yourself into the arms of love and taste His great love? What's the best way to let God change a believer and become the faithful follower? We often lay down countless rules and all sorts of standards, try to change the outward behavior. Why do converts remain basically unchanged despite so much effort? Because we dealt only with the outward matters of our lives. All the problem is deep inside. The best way: go straight to the heart! For a new Christian, in fact, for all of us, the heart is all important to grow in Christ. Only by God gaining our heart, no other way, that all our sins can be put away. If we give our heart to the Lord, let Him reign in us. You would see countless numbers of converts go on to become true disciples and the whole church would be renewed.

Seek God within your heart. Your heart is like a sanctuary which God dwells in. Meet Him there. "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mathew 11:28) Come to the Lord with a deep sense of love. Acknowledge He is everything. Confess to Him that you are nothing. Give your full attention to the Giver of love. Give yourself up to God. Have all the energy of your soul always centered on Him who is in deep inward parts of your being. Surrender your heart into His hands, so that He may do in your heart what you have so long been a failure in trying to do. Yield to your Lord His right to rule over you and do with you as He pleases. Lay aside all selfinterest. Giving up all your concerns. All your concerns go into the hand of God. Forget yourself and from that moment on you think only of Him. By continuing to do this over a long period of time, your heart will remain unattached: your heart will be free and at peace. If your heart wandering away from the Lord, recall it gently. Guide it firmly by the Spirit of God. As you begin to move into Him, He will gradually gain possession of your heart. The more draw near to God who is all love, the more He cleans the heart, the more God reveals Himself to it. God reveals Himself to the pure heart. This is eternal love reveal. It's God's love expressed in you, which moves God to manifest Himself, Then He abundantly communicated through love and continue exchange of love between you and the Lord. You will learn the heights and depths of divine love. "I made known to them Your name and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which

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You have loved Me maybe in them, and I in them." (John 17:26) How deep is God's love. His love is like a weight within us, causing us to sink deeper and deeper into God.

As love rules you, you become submitted to God. When you learn to love, you will not desire to do things that might offend the One you love. The greater the love, the more you submit yourself to God with a totally surrendered will. You will desire only what He desires for all eternity and for His Kingdom. Love, which carries the will along with it, changes you entirely.

As you grow toward God, you will realize old self is big obstacles between you and Him. Then you want to let that serpent of self be crushed underfoot by Christ. Without this abandonment of self you cannot be a disciple of the Lord Jesus. When, by God's grace, Jesus is given His rightful place in your heart, You will be transformed.

As God takes the place of self in you, the heart became the innermost sanctuary, the holy of holies, which contained the ark of the covenant, it is symbolic of the will of God. This sanctuary is a sacred place within you which the clouds of God's glory completely surround.

It is Christ at work in our heart. Although we are full of weakness and sin, but when it pleases God to transform us and make us one with Himself, we are changed into the likeness of Christ. May we all become His true disciples and have all His life.



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