



JESUS & THE SOUL

The Beloved Soul

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“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.”

Psalm 42:7

Deep calls to deep...

Our 6-7 Approach to Love

Fake It Til You Make It

Open to Receive

John 1:1-3, 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made...The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

“Love consists of two components: desiring the good of the other and desiring the union or connection with the other...The Trinity as dwelling in the other two while maintaining individuality. This indwelling clearly suggests a deep union among all three members of the Trinity. This deep union, in turn, is the highest good each member of the Trinity desires for the other two. In the complex ways each member of the Trinity carries out a particular role in salvation history, their union entails appreciating and celebrating the other two persons of the Trinity.”

- Todd & Elizabeth Hall, *Relational Spirituality*

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Matthew 22:37-40

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

“False self is the self that exists only in my own egocentric desires, is the fundamental reality of life around which everything else in the universe is ordered. Thus I use up my life in the desire for pleasures and the thirst for experiences, for power, honor, knowledge, feeling loved, in order to clothe this false self and construct its nothingness into something objectively real. And I will experience around myself and cover myself with pleasures and glory like bandages in order to make myself perceptible to myself and to the world, as if I were an invisible body that could only become visible when something visible covered its surface.”

- Thomas Merton

The False Self Seeks Validation From:

What we do

What we have

What others think about us

John 15:9, 11-12

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“Jesus invites us to abide in his love, which is a sharing or participation in the love between the father and the son. Divine love, then, is the source of our love. We pass on the very love and presence of God that lives within us. It is a power encountered in a person within us that elevates our natural love to a heavenly love.”

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God deeply loves you and values you for who you are right now.

“All humans are created spiritual beings with deep longings to find their identity in God. Those who honestly seek to know themselves will inevitably encounter these longings and face choices about how to respond to the deep knowing of self gives opportunity for deep knowing of God, just as deep knowing of God gives opportunity for deep knowing of self.”

- David Benner

Be silent.
Be still.
Alone.
Empty
Before your God.
Say nothing.
Ask nothing.
Be silent.
Be still.
Let your God look upon you.
That is all.
God knows.
God understands.
God loves you
With an enormous love,
And only wants
To look upon you
With that love.
Quiet.
Still.
Be.
Let your God—
Love you.

- Edwina Gateley, *Let Your God Love You*