

THE POWER OF ACTING IN LOVE

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God is love. *1Jn 4:8*

God loves the world. *Jn3:16,17.*

God loves the unsaved. *2Pet 3:9, 1Tim 2:4, 1Jn 2:2, Tit 2:11.*

God loves His people. *Ps 146:8, 1Jn 4:19, Rom 5:5,8,10, 1Jn 4:10, Jer 31:3, Rom 8:32,35,37,39, Jn 15:9.*

God loves His creation. *Mat 6:26-29.*

A day of judgment and destruction is coming upon all who reject Him. *2Thes 1:7-10, 2Pet 3:7, Lk 19:14,27, Is 28:21,22.*

God acts in love in all He does.

The greatest act of love, ever, is the birth, life, suffering, death on the Cross, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ, Our Great God and Saviour. *Tit 2:13,14.*

Jesus Christ shed His Blood for our redemption, forgiveness and full salvation. *1Pet1:18,19, Eph 1:7, Rom 1:16, Tit 2:11-14.*

He gave His pure, sinless life as a perfect sacrifice for all our sins and wickedness. *1Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18.*

Through His Blood shed for us we have full forgiveness of sins, a right relationship with God and God's gift of eternal life. *Rom 5:1,10, Jn 3:16, Rom 5:9, Eph 1:7, Rom 3:25, Heb 9:12.*

God acting in love is the foundation and power of God's Kingdom, which is unending and will destroy all other kingdoms. *Phil 2:5-11, Dan 2:35,44,45, Is 9:6,7, Lk 11:2, Mat 24:30-44, Eph 1:20-23, Mat28:18.*

Kingdoms of man are established by guns, planes, bombs, tanks, ships, missiles, lasers and satellites. God's Kingdom is established by love.

When we act in love, God's power is released to build His Kingdom.

We act in love when we do good things for others at our expense. Love is a sacrifice.

1. **Help** and do good to others. *Jam 2:14-17, Gal 6:9,10, Eph 5:25.*
2. **Forgive** others and bless them, *Mk 11:25,26, Lk 6:27, Mat 18:21-35.*
3. **Care** for our children and family members. Parenthood is a life of sacrifice. *Deut 6:4-9, Eph 6:1-4.*
4. **Praying** for God to help, heal and save others. *Eph 6:18, Mat 9:38, Ac 12:5, Jam 5:15.*
5. **Worship** God, pray, praise and obey Him. *Jn 4:23, 1Thes 5:16-18, Jn 14:15, Mat 7:21, Lk 6:46, Lk 11:2-4.*
6. **Witness** to the unsaved. *Ac 1:8, Mk 16:15-20, Mat 28:19, Phil 2:16(KJV).*
7. **Care** for the poor and needy and share about Jesus. *Mat 25:35,36.*
8. **Fellowship** at the Lord's Table. Build others up in the Lord. *1Cor 11:23-26, Gal 5:13, 2Tim 2:2, 1Cor 12:25, 1Cor 14:26.*
9. **Teach, preach and demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.** *Mat 4:23,24, Mat 9:35, 10:1,7,8, 12:28, 24:14.*

When we do these things God's power is released to build His kingdom.

Jesus said that **when we love one another** all other people will know that we are His disciples. *Jn 13:35.* Unsaved people will be drawn to Jesus and the love they see.

Jesus prayed that we may be one in Christ and in God that the world may believe that the Father sent the Son. *Jn 17:21.* The eyes of the unsaved will see God's love in Christ.

Jesus prayed that **Christ in us will make us perfect in one,** that the world may know that the Father sent the Son, *Jn 17:23,* and has loved them as the Father has loved Jesus. The world will see God's love for them.