

FBC POWELL, 2-24-08 AM NOTES
"THE SPIRITUAL DNA OF A CHRISTIAN"
2 CORINTHIANS 5:17
(#4 in Series, "The Journey")

2 Peter 1:4a (NKJV) "By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of **the divine nature...**"

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV) "Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified."

1 John 5:13 (NKJV) "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to* believe in the name of the Son of God."

I. A Holy Love for the Lord

1 Corinthians 16:22 (NKJV) "If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord, come!"

1 Corinthians 8:3 (NKJV) "But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him."

John 5:42 (NKJV) "But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you."

A. To Love the Lord Is to Delight in Him

1 Peter 2:7a (NKJV) "Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious..."

Psalms 84:2 (NKJV) "My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."

B. Our Love for the Lord Is Greater Than Any Other Love

Matthew 22:37 (NKJV) "Jesus said to him, '*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.*'"

1 John 2:15 (NKJV) "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

Matthew 10:37 (NKJV) "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

C. Our Love for the Lord Expresses Itself through Obedience

2 Corinthians 5:9 (NKJV) "Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him."

John 14:15 (NKJV) "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

John 14:21 (NKJV) "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

1 John 2:5 (NKJV) "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."

D. Our Love for the Lord Results in a Love for Others

1 John 4:20 (NKJV) “If someone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?”

E. Our Love for the Lord Deepens as We Meditate on His Love for Us

Philippians 1:9 (NKJV) “And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment.”

1 John 4:19 (NKJV) “We love Him because He first loved us.”

Luke 7:47 (HCSB) “Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that’s why she loved much. But the one who is forgiven little, loves little.”

II. A Holy Hatred of Sin

Psalms 97:10a (NKJV) “You who love the Lord, hate evil!”

Psalms 51:5 (NKJV) “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.”

Galatians 3:22a (NKJV) “But the Scripture has confined all under sin...”

“A lost person leaps into sin and loves it; a saved person lapses into sin and loathes it.”

—Adrian Rogers

Psalms 38:18 (NKJV) “For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in **anguish over my sin.**”

Psalms 139:23-24 (NKJV) “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if *there is any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

1 John 3:5 (NKJV) “And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin.”

Romans 6:18 (NKJV) “And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.”

“Does the Spirit of God make you aware that your sin violates God’s revealed word? When you sin do you feel like children who grieve, not because they’ve done wrong and may be disciplined, but because they feel like they have disappointed their Father?”

—Donald Whitney

Hebrews 12:14b (NKJV) “Holiness, without which no one will see the Lord.”