

On April 8, 2012

Stir Up!

Key Texts:

- **II Thess. 3:5**
- **Deut. 30:6**
- **I Jn. 4**

Scriptural examples of God's love:

- Leah - not unloved (Gen. 29:31)
- Hagar - not invisible (Gen. 16:3-13)
- Ruth & Naomi - not abandoned or forgotten (kinsmen redeemer)
- Canaanite women - not noticed or unimportant (Matt. 15:21-28)

1. What does II Thess. 3:5 tell us about our ability to receive and believe in the Love of God?

2. Is Love an attribute of God or His nature? What is the difference? Why is the distinction important?

3. What does the way in which God displayed (showed & demonstrated openly) His passionate Love for us, tell us about the nature of His love for us?

4. Verse 10 in I Jn. says, "Here in IS Love...." Discuss this verse.

5. Discuss the two indicators of perfected (or mature) love.

6. If Mature Love casts out fear BECAUSE it threatens punishment - what does that tell us about God?

7. Just like faith - love emanates from and originates in the person of God the Father. Therefore, the only proper context for our love of God, is that it is an echoed response to His loving us first.

With this in mind, read the following scriptures and let yourselves follow the logical implications they reveal by discussing them.

- Deut. 30:6
- II Thess. 3:5
- I Jn.
- Isa. 55:10,11