

Walking With Love - I John 2:6
(Part 2)

God's Intent and Action Is to Love Us into Being and to Love Others into Being Through Us

→ The Source of All Love: "First Love" - I Jo 4:8,18-19

- The Trinitarian love of God: (a community of fearless lovers)

...powerful: cannot be stopped, defeated - Ga 2:20

...purposeful: that we might share together in God's life - Jo 3:16

...pure: evil cannot make use of God's love - I Jo 3:9

...priceless: must be freely received and given - S. of Sol. 8:7; Prov 6:35

- God's Love comes to us through the Cross of the Lord Jesus Christ - Ro 5:8

...through the work of the cross Christ defeats all our enemies - I Cor 1:18-24; Col 2:15

...through the work of the cross Christ joins us to Himself - Ro 6:3-11; Col 1:21-22

...through the work of the cross Christ makes us new creations - II Co 5:17; Ga 2:20

→ The Way of the Cross Becomes Our Way

- We have the mind of Christ: intelligence fueled by love - I Co 2:16

...fear is no longer the primary motive force - I Jo 4:18

...our standard for valuation is the personal loving nature of God - Col 3:17

...appearances no longer trap us as being ultimate reality - II Co 5:7

(we no longer look "for" love, we begin to look "with" love!)

- We trade self-centeredness for Christ-centeredness

ME-OLOGICAL

...me & my needs

...self-determining/absorbed

...externally dominated

..."me and mine"

...objective: relief

(the way of death)

THEE-OLOGICAL

...Christ and His supply - Jo 8:32; Col 2:10

...Sovereign Provider - Matt 6:33

...inwardly compelled - Eph 5:18; II Co 5:14

..."Thee and Thine" - Matt 26:39

...objective: know God, express His Life - Phil 3:7-10

(the way of Life)