**Practicing Living by God’s life in a Troubled World (Scripture Verses are from the NIV unless noted otherwise)**

**Section 3 God’s high calling to be Christ like—to love like God and do His works---learning to hit like Jesus---a life out of this world! The life we are called to live is supernatural!**

**We are to love with God’s agape love:** *1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails…*

*Ephesians 5: 1-2* ***1****Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children****2****and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*1 John 5:3* ***3****In fact, this is love for God: to keep his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,*

*Romans 12:8-10* **8***Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.****9****The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans13:8-10&version=NIV" \l "fen-NIV-28276a" \o "See footnote a)] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans13:8-10&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28276b)*]****10****Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

*Romans 12:14* *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

*Romans 12:17-21* *Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.****18****If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.****19****Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,”[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12&version=NKJV" \l "fen-NKJV-28265a" \o "See footnote a)] says the Lord.****20****Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.”[*[*b*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-28266b)*]* ***21****Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

*Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*

*Ephesians 4:32* ***32****Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

**Our daily lives are to be more dominated by the fruit of the Holy Spirit which happens when we put to death the deeds of the flesh(sinful nature) by the Holy Spirit’s power.**

*Galatians 5:22-25* ***22****But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,****23****gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.****25****Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

*Romans 8:13….* *but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will* *live*.

*Galatians 5:16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

**We are to practice abiding in Jesus to continue to walk in freedom.**

*John 8:34 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.*

*John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

*1 John 2:6* ***6****He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. NKJV*

*1 John 3:6* ***6****Whoever abides in Him does not sin… NKJV*

*John 15:4-5 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.****5****I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.*

**Our behavior is to be holy and pure like God .**

*1 Peter 1:15 But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do…*

*Titus 2:11-13****11****For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.****12****It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,****13****while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,*

*Ephesians5:3-4* **3***But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.****4****Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving…*

***We are do the Lord’s work with a proper motive of love.***

*1 Corinthians 15:1 … Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord…*

*Titus 2:14* ***14****Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.. KJV*

*1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.* ***2****And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.* ***3****And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. KJV*

*Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, NKJV*

**How can this possibly even begin to be done! Thankfully, Jesus lives in us and with our co- operation, He will express His life uniquely through us as a unique part of His body.**