

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth (obeys) them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:21 KJV



Do you believe the Word of God? If not, read no further. If so, may I present some statements for your consideration? *"If ye love me, keep my commandments"* Your obedience of scripture declares and defines your love of God. *"Love one another as I have loved you. Quench not the Spirit. Pray without ceasing. Abstain from all appearance of evil. Rejoice evermore. Preach the Gospel to every creature. Seek ye first the kingdom of God."* Those who truly love, readily obey. They will be loved of God and He will manifest Himself to them. *"I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."* How does God manifest Himself to us? First of all, He is omnipresent, so wherever you are, He is there. Secondly, whether you find Him or not depends on your faith. *"Seek and ye shall find"* You will seek what you love. Our faith is the fulcrum of our obedience. *"Faith cometh by hearing (obeying)...the Word of God."* You cannot obey what you do not know. It is God's Word saturating our thoughts that brings us to God. As His Word comes to mind, we hear His Voice and we know the Truth who *"makes us free."* Faith turns God's affection towards us. *"Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please Him. If God be for us, who can be against us?"* If God is for me, I am invincible. Have you found Him? He may be the gentle drop of rain that caresses your cheek or the flower brushing against your ankle that brings God's Word to mind. His Voice may be the birdsong that falls sweetly upon your ears, the landscape that engulfs your senses, the starlight that greets your uplifted face in the night watches, or the warm golden sunlight that bathes your senses in the break of day. He may be the thought of reassurance that reminds you that you will never be forgotten nor forsaken, or the Voice in your consciousness that repeats the words, *"Father, Forgive them!"* causing the tears to slide down your cheek as you remember the price of your redemption and the One who paid for it. He may be the Joy that fills your soul as you imagine walking through the pearly gates and the glory of seeing the face of your Saviour for the very first time. When God comes to you, you will know by the witness of the blessed Holy Spirit that quickens your spirit. *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."* Your emotions and body will barely handle the flood of His presence.

Our God is found in each bend of life's dreary way,
The moments of His presence will melt the time away,
The witness of His Spirit with joy will fill the soul,
And the brush of His garment will make the vilest whole. ~CGP

Be reminded that one day your body will be changed in a twinkling of an eye into a form that will allow you to fully bask in the glory of God. *"Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."* There are no words or medium that can convey or communicate the absolute euphoria of knowing the presence of God. If you have been there, you will understand. If you have not, there is only one way you can know. *"Seek!"* Read and meditate on the Holy Scriptures constantly and the Spirit of the Living God will guide your search. *"I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me."*

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20 KJV