



“Experience the LOVE and POWER of JESUS CHRIST!”

Go for God! > **LET’S EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST!**

- Jesus said in John 3:16-17 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.*

- Jesus said in John 13:34-35 - *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

- Jesus said in John 14:21 - *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.”*

- Jesus said in John 14:28 - *You have heard Me say to you, ‘I am going away and coming back to you.’ If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, ‘I am going to the Father,’ for My Father is greater than I.*

- Jesus said in John 15:9-14 - *“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.*

- Paul writes in Romans 5:8 - *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*

- Peter shares in 1 Peter 3:18 - *“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”*

> *Embrace the love of Jesus Christ as others have: Let’s look to Luke 7:1-23.*

> **LET’S EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST!**

> During the forty days between His resurrection and ascension, the Lord Jesus is recorded to have appeared to His own followers on ten occasions, the first five of these being on the day of resurrection.

- The order of the appearances seems to be:

(1) to Mary Magdalene (Mk. 16:9-11; Jn. 20:11-18);

(2) to the women returning from the tomb with the angelic message (Mt. 28:8-10);

(3) to Peter, probably in the afternoon (Lk. 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:50);

(4) to the Emmaus disciples toward evening (Mk. 16:12; Lk. 24:13-32);

(5) to the disciples, Thomas being absent (Mk. 16:14; Lk. 24:36-43; Jn. 20:19-25);

(6) on the next Sunday night, the appearance to the disciples, Thomas being present (Jn. 20:26-31; 1 Cor. 15:5);

(7) to the seven beside the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21);
(8) to the apostles and “over five hundred brethren” (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 15:6);
(9) to James, the Lord’s half-brother (1 Cor. 15:7);
(10) His last recorded appearance and His ascension from Olivet (Mk 16:19-20; Lk. 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12).

- It is also recorded that, after His ascension, Christ appeared one or more times to three men:
(1) to Stephen, at his stoning (Acts 7:55-60):
(2) to Paul: (a) at his conversion (Acts 9:3-8,17; 22:6-11,14-15; 26:12-19; 1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8); (b) at Corinth (Acts 18:9-10): (c) in the temple at Jerusalem (Acts 22:17-21); (d) later at Jerusalem (Acts 23:11); and (e) in another vision (2Cor. 12:1-4);
(3) to John, the apostle, on Patmos (Rev. 1:10-19, and other visions in Revelation).

> **REJOICE! HE IS RISEN!** – Luke Chapter 24

- **EXPERIENCE:**

(v1-12) The **RESURRECTION** – JESUS is RISEN, INDEED!

(v13-32) The **ILLUMINATION** – JESUS is the CHRIST!

(v33-43) The **VISITATION** – JESUS is REAL!

(v44-48) The **COMPREHENSION** – PREACH JESUS!

(v49-53) The **ASCENSION** – JESUS ascends to HEAVEN!

- **JESUS WANTS YOU TO RECEIVE THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER!**

(v49) *Power* – (Greek – *dunamis*) - "inherent ability, capability, ability to perform anything; power to work, to carry something into effect,"

- The “*promise of the Father*” was the outpouring of the HOLY SPIRIT upon all believers on the *Day of Pentecost* and to all generations who believe JESUS CHRIST as their LORD and SAVIOR!

- Experience His PROMISES! - ACTS 1:1-12 – Here we have the promise of the power of the HOLY SPIRIT, the ASCENSION OF CHRIST, and the PROMISE OF HIS RETURN!

- Experience HIS POWER! - ACTS 2:37-47 - Have you received the GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Remember what JESUS PROCLAIMED in John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever BELIEVES IN HIM should not PERISH but have EVERLASTING LIFE!*