

Life As The Beloved Of God: We are Given

Learning to Abide in the Love of God

Walking As The Beloved Of God

- **Principles of Being the Beloved of God**
 - 1. We are Deeply, Deeply LOVED by God**
 - 2. We are Taken! We belong to God!**
 - 3. We are Blessed by God!**
 - 4. We are Broken!**
 - 5. We are Given!**

Jesus Walking As The Beloved Of God

- At Jesus baptism the trinity was present and the Father told Jesus He loved Him and was well pleased
- Jn.17:22 tells us that Jesus has given us the glory the Father gave Him; 23 that we are loved by God **EVEN AS** He loved Jesus
- Matt.20:28 I come to be served but **to serve** and **to GIVE** my life as a ransom for many
- We are “Hidden” in Christ – Col.3:3
- We are back to Eph.3:19 – to know this LOVE

¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches He may strengthen you with **POWER through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have **POWER**, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His **POWER** that is at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Eph.3:16-21**

Us Walking As The Beloved Of God

- We have been empowered by God to serve God.**
- We are the beloved, we are blessed, we submit our brokenness to the blessing and we are filled with Joy and empowered to be given to serve a world, hungry for love, lacking in purpose for our existence, a world of self centered emptiness!**
- As the Beloved of God, we have the answer. We are given to serve our world the blessing of being the beloved.**

Us Walking As The Beloved Of God

- Acts 2 – Apostles empowered by the Spirit to serve**
- Eph.1:13,14 – The HS sealed us when we believed**
- Acts 3,4 Disciples are given to share the blessing**
- Eph.2 we are made alive by the power of God to do the good works He created us to do 2:1-10**
- We are given as we serve others and reflect Jesus**
- Our Joy in God reaches its fullness when we are given to meet the needs of others in the ways of love.**

Us Walking As The Beloved Of God

- In our marriages, our families, our friends, our work, our neighbours, giving the blessing we have received to others.**
- We can also be given to others in our death.**
- When we die, what will others remember about us?**
- Will their remembrance of us encourage them or bring a cloud to their face?**
- How will you spend this coming year? Our days are numbered!**

Our Days Are Numbered!!

- **So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom. NASB**
- **So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. KJV**
- **Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. NIV**
- **Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts. HCSB**
- **Teach us how short our lives really are so that we may be wise. NCV**

Our Days Are Numbered!!

- **If given another year, how will I spend my next 365 days?**
- **This is my 21,827th day**
- **542,088 hrs; 31,445,280, min.; 1,886,716,800 sec.**
- **If I live to 70 I will live 25,569 days –**
 - **3742 days to go**
- **To 80, I will live 29,221 days**
 - **7,384 days to go**
- **Everyday the news reminds us there is no guarantee for tomorrow**

How are you spending your life?

- **Do we want to be used mightily by God this year?**
- **We are Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given to serve.**
- **Are we living for the last 10 years of this life, or the first 10,000,000 years of eternity?**
- **What or Who are you giving your life to?**

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wise.**

Ps.90:12 NCV