

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## The Government of Love

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Through the Holy Spirit, God has shed His love abroad in the hearts of His sons and daughters. The love of God releases Him inside of us in such a way that we have an internal mechanism like our Father. The Bible says that **God is love**. It is His very being. He thinks through love, sees through love, and breathes love. Love sits on the throne of righteousness and justice. Love governs. There is no authority or government except from God. Governments are to promote good and restrain evil. The Bible says that God is our king, lawgiver, and judge. God raises up kings to govern and He removes kings. God hates injustice. Our God is merciful, yet just. There is divine order and blessing in the government of God's unfailing love. Paul shares that nothing can separate us from the government of God's love – not angels nor demons, not life nor death, not anything present nor anything to come. The government – the rule and reign – of God's love is eternal. The 1<sup>st</sup> greatest commandment of God is to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and all your mind. We can love God because He first loved us. We carry the government of His love through Christ in us and the power of Holy Spirit.

### Exodus 32.9-18 NIV

<sup>9</sup>“I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> **Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.**”

<sup>11</sup> **But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God.** “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’” <sup>14</sup> Then **the LORD relented** and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

<sup>15</sup> Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. <sup>16</sup> The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup> **When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”**

<sup>18</sup> **Moses replied: “It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear.”**

- There is a sound that comes from a city and from a nation. When idolatry reigns the sound that comes forth is the sound of defeat, it is the sound of fear, it is the sound of death.
- Moses carried the love of God in his heart for the Israel people despite their actions. The love of God is not rational or explainable in human terms. In God's love is His passion and desire, the breath of life, the power of the future.
- The love of God burned inside of Moses. Even with the great evil that the nation had committed, Moses stood in the gap for that nation. The love of God for the nation so filled Moses' heart that he poured the sound of love over the sound of evil. Love governed the future.

### Isaiah 56.6-7 NIV

<sup>6</sup> And foreigners **who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD**, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> **these I will bring to my holy mountain** and give them joy in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

**for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.”**

- We, who bind ourselves to the Lord, calling Him our God and Father, who believe Him and receive His words as truth and who worship Him with all of our heart – we belong to Him.
- God brings us to His holy mountain – the mountain of the Lord that is higher than any other mountain. Psalm 24 says that only those that have clean hands and a pure heart that do not worship any idol or swear to what is false can ascend the mountain of God. We ascend the mountain of God by His grace and provision – it is a place of ruling and reigning.
- God’s people are to be a house of prayer for all nations. We are the ones who speak life to the cities and nations, pouring out God’s love and His truth into the earth. The government of love.

### **1 John 4.13-18** NASB

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. <sup>14</sup> We have seen and testify that **the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.**

<sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup> **We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.** <sup>17</sup> By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so also are we in this world.** <sup>18</sup> **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,** because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.

- We abide in God and He is in us – Christ in us the hope of glory. This glory carries love that is to be poured out on the earth and on the people – love that governs. Love that brings God’s kingdom.
- As children of God, we know God’s great love. God is love. His substance is love. He moves in love, speaks in love, and sees through love.
- Jesus yielded His heart and obedience to Father God out of love.
- Hebrews 12 tells us that Jesus endured dying on the cross so that we would not grow weary and lose heart – not become wearied by life and lose touch with His love. Love governs.
- The Bible says that that faith, hope, and love abide in us but the greatest of these is love. The greatest of these is love. Love your neighbor as yourself – the 2<sup>nd</sup> greatest commandment.

### **John 15.9-10** TPT

<sup>9</sup> “I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. **You must continually let my love nourish your hearts.** <sup>10</sup> **If you keep my commands, you will live in my love,** just as I have kept my Father’s commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love.

### **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

**Psalm 18** <sup>33</sup> Through you we ascend to the highest peaks of your glory to stand in the heavenly places, strong and secure in you. <sup>34</sup> You’ve trained us with the weapons of warfare-worship; now we’ll descend into battle with power to chase and conquer the foe. **Psalm 33** <sup>16</sup> Even if the best warrior who went to battle could not be saved simply by his strength alone. <sup>17</sup> Human strength and the weapons of man are false hopes for victory; they may seem mighty but they will always disappoint. <sup>18</sup> The eyes of the Lord are upon even the weakest worshipers who love him—those who wait in hope and expectation for the strong, steady love of God.

**John 3** <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it! <sup>18</sup> So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of God’s beloved Son.

**We declare that the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the unrelenting love of God is released in clarity and strength across our City and Nation. We declare that the love of God will mend the heart of our City and heal its wounds. We call Detroit and Michigan to come under the jurisdiction of God’s unfailing love.**