

Enough is enough. It's time for God's rebellious, unfaithful people to come back to Him.

Hosea 2:6-15 ⁶“Therefore, behold, I will hedge up her way with thorns, And I will build a wall against her so that she cannot find her paths. ⁷“She will pursue her lovers, but she will not overtake them; And she will seek them, but will not find *them*. Then she will say, ‘I will go back to my first husband, For it was better for me then than now!’

⁸“For she does not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the new wine and the oil, And lavished on her silver and gold, *Which* they used for Baal. ⁹“Therefore, I will take back My grain at harvest time And My new wine in its season. I will also take away My wool and My flax *Given* to cover her nakedness. ¹⁰“And then I will uncover her lewdness In the sight of her lovers, And no one will rescue her out of My hand.

¹¹“I will also put an end to all her gaiety, Her feasts, her new moons, her sabbaths And all her festal assemblies.

¹²“I will destroy her vines and fig trees, Of which she said, ‘These are my wages Which my lovers have given me.’

And I will make them a forest, And the beasts of the field will devour them.

¹³“I will punish her for the days of the Baals When she used to offer sacrifices to them And adorn herself with her earrings and jewelry, And follow her lovers, so that she forgot Me,” declares the Lord.

¹⁴“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Bring her into the wilderness And speak kindly to her.

¹⁵“Then I will give her her vineyards from there, And the valley of Achor as a door of hope. And she will sing there as in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.

Romans 5:5

⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

God is calling all His children to go beyond mere intellectual understanding that He loves us, and into the full experience of His love.

Ephesians 3:14-19 ¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, ¹⁶that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.

Comprehend: Gk. *Katalambano-* to lay hold of; seize upon; take possession of- take or apprehend

Surpasses: Gk. *Hyperballo-* (hyperbole- extreme exaggeration)- to exceed or excel- to go well beyond

Know: Gk. *Ginosko-* to come to know, to feel- Jewish idiom for sexual love

Knowledge: Gk. *Gnosis-* General intelligence or understanding

God desires for all His children to lay hold of the vastness of His love personally and experientially!

God wants your experience of His love to blow your mind!

The love of God poured out in our hearts by a unique work of the Holy Spirit IS AN EXPERIENCE!

Being strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man IS AN EXPERIENCE!

Christ dwelling in your hearts through faith brings about the new birth, which IS AN EXPERIENCE!

Being filled up with all the fullness of God IS AN EXPERIENCE!

All this comes about as we come to know the immeasurable love of God, which is infinitely beyond knowledge, IN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE!

‘I was crying all the time that God would fill me with His Spirit. Well, one day, in the city of New York -- oh, what a day! -- I cannot describe it, I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name... I can only say that God revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand. I went preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths; and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world - it would be as the small dust of the balance.’ -Dwight L. Moody

“One great wave after another of irresistible longing rolled over me, just to look into the face of my beloved Master. . . . I just let my heart go out in deep desire till I lay with alert yet restful anticipation, listening for the blessed voice that I knew so well to say, ‘Come.’ . . . I have never been the same person since, for there was reflected into my very being such an overwhelming love for souls that I did not know what to do with it”

Kathryn Helm, *The Lure of Divine Love*, 1929

Zephaniah 3:17 (Amplified)

¹⁷The Lord your God is in the midst of you, a Mighty One, a Savior [Who saves]! He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest [in silent satisfaction] *and* in His love He will be silent *and* make no mention [of past sins, or even recall them]; He will exult over you with singing.