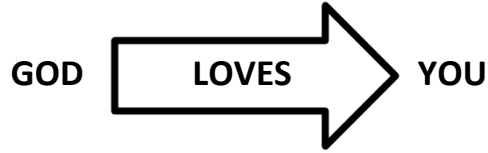


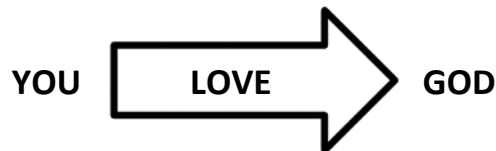
The New Man And His Identity

There's tremendous truth that many people know about:

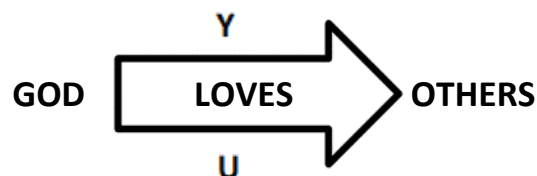


Even though this is true for everyone, not everyone experiences it because they do not receive it. This receiving of the truth is what the bible calls faith, i.e. what you must do in order to bring God's truth into your experience. When you initially have faith in God's love through the person and work of Jesus Christ, you immediately experience it. You become God's child, His offspring, organically one with Him. You are immediately placed into Christ and He immediately enters your life. You experience the forgiveness of all your sins which God has already provided for in Christ's death. In fact, you are emancipated, set free from sin. You are no longer a sinner, you are a saint. You become enslaved to God, to both be and express His righteousness. You become a totally new person, a new creation, a totally new species, someone who did not even exist before. This is who God says you really are.

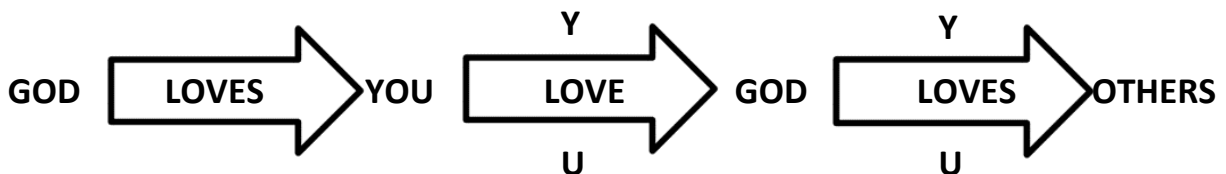
As you realize what God has accomplished in your new birth, you are then confronted with a great new truth:



You, the NEW YOU, now desires to seek after, please, glorify and love God with all your being. However, again, even though this is the truth, i.e. what God says about you, it will not become your experience unless you exercise faith. As you do love God, another great truth becomes evident:



Because of who you really are, the righteousness of God, He is now able to express His nature, i.e. love others, through you. But just as in the case of the other truths, before it becomes a reality in your experience, you must act in faith. Then, as you live by faith, God's life flows from one relationship to the next:



However, each truth is dependent upon the one before it. The more you realize all that God has accomplished in your new birth, the more you love God and thus the more God can love others through you. Conversely, God is only going to be able to love others through you to the degree to which you love God, and your love for God will be limited by your comprehension and realization of what His love has accomplished in our life. Thus, faith is both progressive, in the sense that you will grow in your understanding of these truths as time passes, and limiting, in the sense that you will be inhibited by your lack of understanding in these truths. But the key to experiencing everything God has for you, the fullness of the life of Christ, is going to start with your realization of the first truth, who you really are, your identity, the NEW YOU.

The following Bible verses dealing with the above discussion may be helpful to study, memorize, meditate on and confess:

Luke 7:47, John 1:12-13, Romans 5:16,19, 6:18,22, 7:17-18, 20, 22, 25, 8:4-5, 9-10, 14-16, I Corinthians 6:17, II Corinthians 5:17, 21, Galatians 4:5-6, 5:16-18, 24-25, Col 2:10-14, 3:1-15, II Peter 1:3-9, I John 3:1-3, 4:7-19