

KNOWING GOD  
(Maintaining the Love Affair)

We Must Realize that Faith in God Is a Love Affair - Hosea 1-3; Rev 3:20

- The personal love of God the Father, Son, and Spirit is our foundation - Jo 17:21-23
  - ...their holy passion for oneness as our model
  - ...God created out of love and He loves what He created
- When the human race rebelled, His love for creation did not change - Jo 3:16
  - ...He came in Person to demonstrate His love for us - Ro 5:8-10

We Re-enter the Love Affair Through the Person of Jesus Christ - Jo 14:6

- Through the atoning work of God in Christ we are made right with God - II Co 5:19
- We experience the love of God by trusting Him in daily living - I Jo 2:3
  - ...the knowing of God is in the action of faith - Jo 14:21

We Nourish the Love Affair for the Purpose of knowing God

- **COMMUNION:** The sharing of Life together = staying "in touch"
  - ...Scriptures: the revelation of God's nature - Ps 119:105
  - ...Prayer: real, relevant, responsive interaction with God - Phil 4:6; I Thess 5:17
  - ...Silence/Solitude: loving attentiveness to God in wordless relaxation - Mk 6:31; Ps 46:10
  - ...Worship: re-centering in God and His passions and purposes - Ps 95:6; Heb 10:24-25
- **COOPERATION:** The obedience of faith - Ro 1:5; 16:26; Lk 11:28 = staying "in step"
  - ...cooperation with His operation - Ga 2:20
  - ...knowing comes in the action - Matt 7:24; Jo 7:17; 13:17; Ps 111:10
- **COMPASSION:** The flow of His Life for others - I Jo 4:7-8 = staying "in love"
  - ...revelation is for lovers - Jo 14:21
  - ...love and affirm God's children - Jo 13:34-35
  - ...love and look out for "the least of these" - Matt 25:40
  - ...love and pray for adversaries - Matt 5:44-45