

Who Can Receive God' Divine Love and How?

How to Receive the Divine Love?

“The only Way in which salvation can be obtained by man, and make him of a nature divine, is *through the medium of the Holy [Spirit], and by the Way pointed out by Jesus.*”

One “must *pray with the sincere longings of his soul* for the inflowing of the Father’s Love; and he must *have faith that such love is a real thing, and that it comes to him in response to his prayers.*”

Who Can Receive the Divine Love?

“*This Love is waiting for all mankind, no matter where and of what race the individuals may be, and that they can receive this Love even though they have never heard of the Plan of salvation as declared by Jesus.*”

When God bestowed this Love, *He intended that every human being, as well as spirit, should have the opportunity to obtain It, and that the manner in which It might be obtained should be made known to all mankind.*”

How Were Humans and Spirits to Learn about God's Gift?

“In carrying out this intention, *[God] specially selected Jesus for this work, who, through his own teachings, would enable mankind to learn of this Love.*”

Of course, during the short ministry of Jesus on earth, it was impossible that all men should learn of him through the teachings of himself or of his disciples. Hence, *the spirits of the world of spirits* were permitted to hear these teachings and come into their knowledge. Then, *when they should obtain this Love, they were to teach It to mortals and spirits, which they did; and they have been doing so ever since.*”

Why Have Jesus' Disciples and the Spirits Not Been Successful in Disseminating the Truth of the Divine Love (the Gospel)?

“But while they have been working all these centuries to bring about this great consummation, yet, they have not succeeded for the reason that *they could not force the Truth of the Plan of salvation upon either mortal or spirit.*”

What Is Necessary for Individuals to Receive the Divine Love?

“Consequently, in the exercise of their free wills, unless men and spirits would *open up their understandings of the soul qualities, supplemented by*

the exercise of their mental qualities, they could not obtain this Divine Love.

And just as men on earth have *refused to listen to those in mortal life who have attempted to teach them of religious things*, so, in the spirit world, many spirits have refused and are refusing to listen to the teachings of other spirits who have the knowledge and possession of this Great Love.

And mortals have also failed to *respond to the impressions which spirits have been trying to make upon them as to this Truth, and, as a consequence, were unable to open up their soul perceptions*. Thus, many mortals, as well as spirits, have never received the benefit of the Great Gift of rebestowal of this Love.”

How Have Humans Received and Experienced the Divine Love?

Many have responded to these impressions and, even while on earth, have had the inflowing of this Love to a more or less extent, although they may not have been conscious of the fact in such a definite manner as to know that what they had received was a portion of the Divine Love.

What Hinders Human Receptivity to Spiritual Impressions and Receiving the Divine Love?

“Among the great obstacles to men putting themselves in this condition of receptivity *are the creeds and mental beliefs and ceremonies* obtaining in many of the churches of Christendom, and in many of the faiths and teachings of the races which live outside of Christendom, and which have never heard of this great Plan of salvation.

In the spirit world, the followers of many of the faiths and creeds ... have never heard of this Divine Love or of the necessity of receiving It, but *worship God according to their beliefs on earth*, satisfied that the doctrines which they profess are the true and only ones. And they *absolutely refuse to listen to the spirits who often try to teach the Truths as to eternal life in the Celestial Spheres*.

... some of them will listen, but will *decline to believe* that there are any other Truths than the ones that they have embraced.”

How Many Will Ultimately End Up Receiving the Divine Love?

“While this Great Gift of the Divine Love, and the privilege of obtaining It, was bestowed upon all men, and that this Love is ever ready to enter into their souls, yet, *a very large majority of spirits and mortals will never receive It* and become inhabitants of the many mansions.

All men and spirits will have the opportunity to receive this Love before the great day of final separation, but many will not be willing to accept this Gift. They will be satisfied in the happiness of their natural love, and will be contented to live in their merely spiritual homes.”

What Will Happen to Those Who Will Refuse or Neglect Receiving the Divine Love?

Many men and spirits will neglect to exercise their privilege of obtaining the great gift of the Divine Love and *suffer the second death*.... when this privilege of receiving the Divine Love ... will again be withdrawn No other death is meant ... than that which is now constantly taking place. There will be no death in the sense of condemning the spirit of man to eternal punishment or causing the annihilation of any spirit. ... No, *the only death will be the death that the first parents died at the time of their disobedience, which was the deprivation of the great privilege of receiving the Divine Love* and thereby partaking of the divine nature of the Father and immortality.

In Summary

The key to receiving the Divine Love is prayer with sincere soul longings for the Love together with faith that the Love will be given in response to the person's prayers. Other conditions are for individuals to listen to true teachings or respond to the impressions of spirits, and as a result, open up their understandings of the soul qualities – open their soul perceptions, supplemented by the exercise of their mental qualities. Many on earth have had the inflowing of this Love without understanding it or having a conscious knowledge of it.

Anyone is eligible to receive the Divine Love if they so wish and fulfill the conditions, but very few will do so. Many are hindered by their ingrained beliefs and worship practices.

Those who refuse this privileged gift when the opportunity to receive it is withdrawn will suffer the “second death” the same way as the first parents – they will be deprived of the opportunity to partake of divine nature and immortality in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

Reference: Angelic Revelations of Divine Truth, Vol II, p. 167 or <https://universal-spirituality.net/about/references/angelic-revelations-volume-2-chapter-6/the-only-way-to-salvation-as-taught-by-jesus/>