

the NEED for CREED

2. "THE DIVINE DANCE"

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Jesus Creed TEACHES US TO LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS AND SETS A RHYTHM FOR LIFE

*'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.'*³⁰ *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'*³¹ *The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* *There is no commandment greater than these."* Mark 12:28-34

To Enter Into God's Love is to ENTER INTO A DIVINE DANCE WITH THE TRINITY

The amazing grace of the Master, Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG

I. Face - Numbers 6:25-26

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."

The Divine Dance CALLS US TO LOOK INTO THE FACE OF THE FATHER AND ACCEPT HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

¹⁶ *As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.* ¹⁷ *And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."* Matthew 3:16-17

II. Footwork - Galatians 5:16-18 NCV

¹⁶ **So I tell you: Live by following the Spirit. Then you will not do what your sinful selves want.** ¹⁷ **Our sinful selves want what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is against our sinful selves. The two are against each other, so you cannot do just what you please.** ¹⁸ **But if the Spirit is leading you, you are not under the law.**

The Divine Dance EMPOWERS US TO KEEP IN STEP WITH

GOD

²¹⁻²³ *It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge. ²⁴ I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question? ²⁵ The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different.*

Romans 7:21-25 MSG

III. Feelings - 1 John 3:19-20 NCV

¹⁹ - ²⁰ **This is the way we know that we belong to the way of truth. When our hearts make us feel guilty, we can still have peace before God. God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.**

The Divine Dance ENJOYS ECSTASY AND PERSEVERES THROUGH ITS ABSENCE

¹⁶ *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*
Hebrews 4:16