

Biblical Benedictions from the New Testament
Season 2: Pronouncements of Blessing



Scripture

- **I Thessalonians 3:12**
...may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people. ...that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father.
- **Philippians 4:19-20**
And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be the glory forever and ever amen.
- **2 Corinthians 13:14-**
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Other Scriptures

- I Thessalonians 3:11-13
- John 6:41-42, 53
- Genesis 5:2
- I John 4:7
- Ephesians 1:4-6
- Exodus 16:4-5, 13
- Deuteronomy 31:6
- Romans 8:37
- Song of Songs 2:4
- Hebrews 11:5
- John 14:18

Main Points

- We have to receive all of His Word.
- The Lord is calling us to increase in love!
- Love is an outward expression.
- We are in the process of being conformed into His image.

Discussion Questions

1. What is the law of similarity Rabbi and Cynthia spoke of in the opening?
How does that effect your understanding of the journey you are on with Yeshua?
2. Rabbi spoke of the intolerance that people have for aspects of God's Word that they don't like. What examples did he give that are relevant for today? Can you think of others? Are there any areas that you recognize in your own life?
3. The importance of our reaching out in love to others is being attacked by the enemy. How is he doing this? What is unbiblical about our isolating in fear?
4. As we increase in love we increase in _____. What is holiness?
5. We have a legal standing of holiness with God through Jesus, but what of the practical holiness being worked out in our lives? How does God complete what He starts in us? Are you open to this process? Are you receiving His affirmation over your life?
6. Why can we make a demand on God for our needs?
7. Why is the word fellowship connected to the Holy Spirit? What is the role and action of the Holy Spirit in our lives while we are here right now? Have you accessed this fellowship? Write about what you would want to change about your current relationship with God relationally and begin to pray for it.