

Holiday Edition

December 2018

THE
HELMSMAN

OFFICIAL MAGAZINE OF REVIVAL
FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL



**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

For 2019

**GOD'S LOVE
FOR YOU**

an article by Dr.
John Polis

**NEW RFI
AFFILIATES**

Dallas Ordination

2019 SCHOOL OF THE SHEPHERDS

THE Supernatural CHURCH

SPEAKERS



DR. JOHN POLIS



DR. REBECCA POLIS

EPHESIANS 4:11-13

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

COST:

\$19 per individual. If you plan to come alone.

\$129 per group: Register your ministry and bring your whole team/church for one price.

\$5 per individual for lunch.

REGISTRATION:

Go to www.rfiusa.org and click on events or you can call 1-304-612-8470. Register by February 28th and get Dr. John's e-book *Biblical Headship: Making Sense Of Submission To Authority* for free.

WHEN:

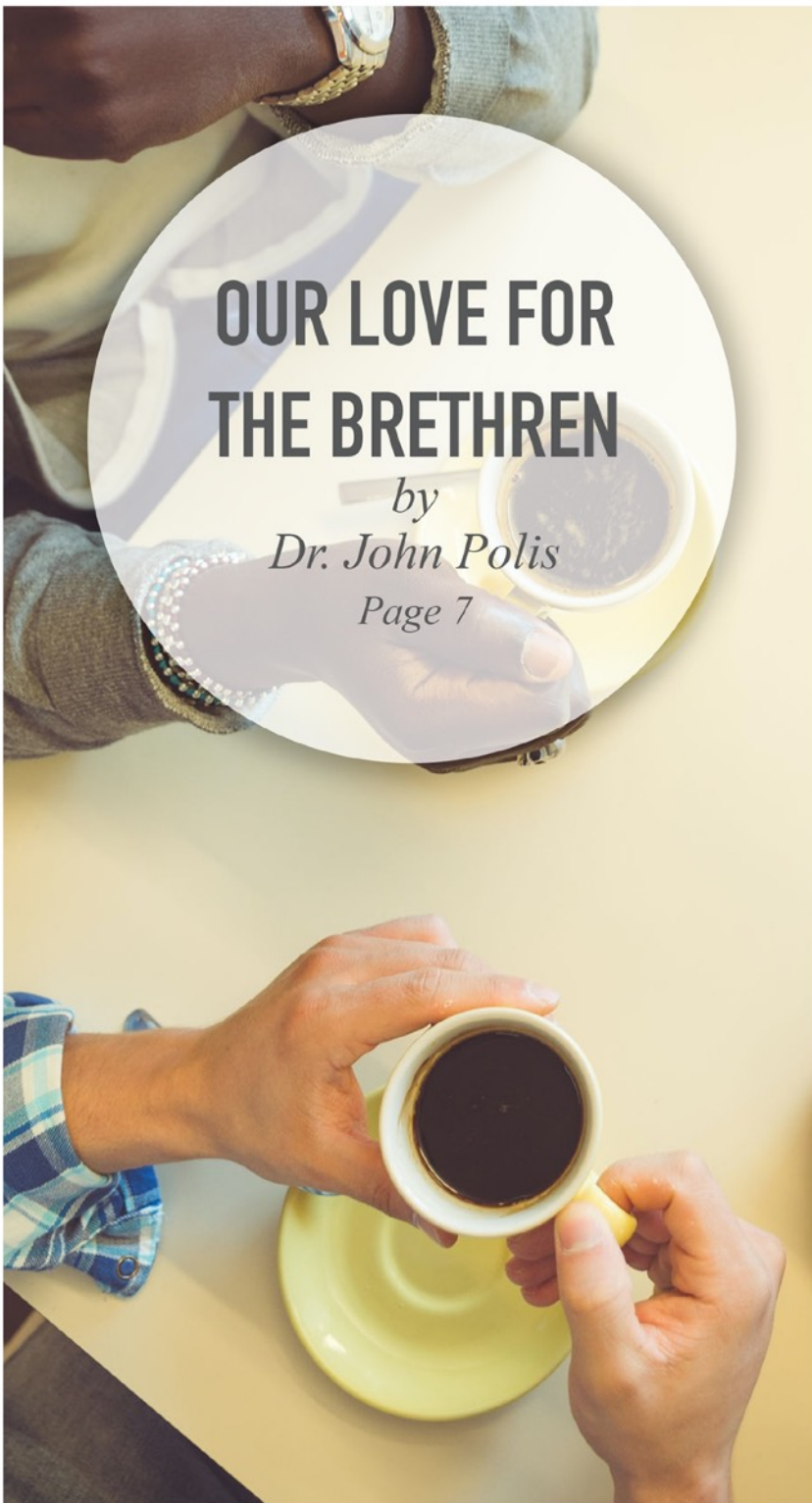
Conference is on Saturday March 2nd. Registration begins at 8am and sessions are from 9-4pm.

LOCATION:

Faith Church International
600 The Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554

NO CHILDCARE PROVIDED

DECEMBER ISSUE, 2018



3

GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

by Dr. John Polis

God would not withhold His only son in a time when Jesus was the sole solution to man's need of redemption. The writer to the Hebrews tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Jesus Christ must come in the body that was prepared for Him so that He could offer up the sinless blood that flowed through His veins and thus give up His...

5

NEW RFI AFFILIATES

Meet the new RFI affiliates that were ordained in Dallas, TX this year.

6

PAKISTAN UPDATE

During Dr. John's monthly SKYPE meetings with Pakistan 1,500...

9

HOLIDAY RECIPE

Looking for a great dinner idea over the Christmas holiday. Check out this recipe from elkeliving.com

10

ACTS 2:42 GATHERING

Save the date and be looking for more info to come on rfiusa.org

GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

A CHAPTER FROM DR. JOHN'S MINI BOOK "THE LOVE OF GOD".

That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Once while meditating upon this portion of scripture the Holy Spirit communicated to me something of the meaning of the extent of God's love for us all. In fact, when Paul speaks of the height, length, breadth, and depth of His love I believe that he is referring to the "extent" of God's love. He is trying to find words that explain something that passes knowledge and that is a difficult assignment even for someone with such literary genius as the Apostle Paul. The word "extent" speaks of "distance", how far reaching is God's love, and to what extent does it go in any direction. Well the obvious is that it cannot be

measured and is limitless. What I believe the Holy Spirit wants us to know is that "there is absolutely nothing God will not do for you and me". Glory to His name! Think of it, the extent of His love is such that there is nothing He will not do for mankind, that is how much He loves you and that is the message of the Bible. **ROMANS 8:32** sums it up nicely, "*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things*"?

God would not withhold His only son in a time when Jesus was the sole solution to man's need of redemption. The writer to the Hebrews tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Jesus Christ must come in the body that was prepared for Him so that He could offer up the sinless blood that flowed through His veins and thus give up His life for ours.

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood... (**LEVITICUS 17:11**) John's gospel tells us again the extent of God's love for us. "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son*" (**JOHN 3:16**). How glorious it is to see in demonstration the extent of God's love for us as we see Jesus Christ crucified on Calvary's cross. You see dear reader, God wants you to know how much He really does love you and to what extent He will go to show it to you. There is absolutely nothing He will not do for you. Why then in the light of this greatest-of-all display of His love do we not have confidence to ask Him for the things that we need to help us in this life to serve Him and be a blessing to others? It is because we haven't yet entered into the full understanding of His love; fear is still lodged in the corners of our hearts. Read with me the secret of mountain moving faith from John's epistle: "*There*

is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.” (1 JOHN 4:18) There is no fear in love. Hallelujah! When we have the revelation of how much God loves us we will be without fear in our lives. I realize in context this verse is dealing with confidence before Him at the Day of Judgment, but I believe we can safely say that the principle that “perfect love casts out fear” will give us confidence on every day that we live. This is the source of faith in God to know that there is absolutely nothing He will not do for you as has been demonstrated at Calvary. My friend, if you need healing in your body God loves you enough to do it. Glory! If you need a breakthrough in your marriage, or in finances, or in ministry He loves you enough to do it. He will freely give us all things because of His great love towards us. As the Holy Spirit gives us clearer understanding of the extent of His love we will become more and more confident to ask Him for whatever we desire. (MARK 11:24) *“Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them”*

I really believe Jesus had the full revelation of how much the Father loved Him in His earth walk. You can hear it in His words as He speaks of His relationship with the Father. (JOHN 5:19- 20), *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the*

Father loveth the Son and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”

Notice Jesus was walking in the earth as the Son of God, relating to God as Father, He was confident that the Father would not withhold anything from Him. He believed He could ask for anything in keeping with the Father’s wishes to help deliver mankind and that it would be granted for love’s sake. Listen to Him at the tomb of Lazarus as He speaks confidently of answered prayer. (JOHN 11:41-42) *“Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it that they may believe that thou hast sent me.”*

What was the secret of His great boldness in prayer? Was it not that He understood the extent of the Father’s love?

“Father, I will that they also, whom thou has given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory, which thou has given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee and these have known that thou hast sent me.” (JOHN 17:24-25). I believe this message is vital to “all saints” as Paul stated in **EPHESIANS 3:18** because God wants us to love Him as much as He loves us. (MARK

12:29-31) We can only reciprocate that love as we understand it. Thus our relationship with God will be as the one described in **SONG OF SOLOMON 2:4**. *“He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love”*. And we will await for the moment when He shall say, *“My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise my love, my fair one and come away.” (SONG OF SOLOMON 2:10-13)*



DR. JOHN POLIS
Revival Fellowship
International

John Polis Ministries

www.johnpolis.com
www.rfiusa.org

drjohn@rfiusa.org

You can get your
copy of “The
Love Of God” at
johnpolis.com



MINISTRY REPORT

LARRY AND MARGARET FREY



PRAISE AND
WORSHIP WITH
THE CHILDREN



LARRY FREY SINGING
AT THE FAYETTE CO.
COURTHOUSE.



PUPPETS
AT THE
FAYETTE CO.
COURTHOUSE



WITNESSING AT
THE FAYETTE CO.
COURTHOUSE

NEW RFI AFFILIATES

DALLAS ORDINATION SERVICE



BRUCE HRABAK

TROY GRIMES

ELIN RIEGEL

A close-up photograph of two women smiling warmly. The woman in the foreground has long brown hair and blue eyes, wearing a colorful patterned top. The woman behind her is also smiling and has her eyes closed.

Women's Gathering

SAVE
THE
DATE

TWENTY NINETEEN
OCT 25-26

PAKISTAN

MONTHLY OUTREACH



*DURING DR. JOHN'S MONTHLY SKYPE MEETINGS WITH
PAKISTAN 1,500 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST HAVE BEEN MADE.
PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THESE OUTREACHES.*

OUR LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN

A CHAPTER FROM DR. JOHN'S MINI BOOK "THE LOVE OF GOD".

Once we have learned how much God loves us, and have begun to love Him to that same extent it becomes a natural thing to love fellow believers. Jesus gave us the supreme command that was the fulfillment of all others in **JOHN 13:34-35** "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

"Owe no man anything, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." (**ROMANS 13:8**) The extent of this love toward the brethren is to be the same as God's love for us.

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." (**1 JOHN 4:10-11**)

We will learn that walking in the fullness of God as Paul stated in **EPHESIANS 3** means to love our brothers in Christ so much that there is absolutely nothing we would not do for them even if it means giving up our very life.

"Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." (1 JOHN 3:16)

That is how much Jesus loves us friend, that He would even lay down His life for us if need be and it was needful.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me." (GALATIANS 2:20)

Paul uses an interesting word in **EPHESIANS 3:19**, "and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God." The word fullness in the Greek is "Pleroma" and means to be replete, crammed full, or no further need. He is saying that as we understand and walk in the fullness of God's love we walk in all the fullness of God.

Many people confuse the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues with the "fullness of God."

Being filled with the spirit and speaking in tongues is not a mark of Christian maturity, it is a gift from God to help us come to the fullness (pleroma) of the stature of Christ. (**EPHESIANS 4:13**) Maturity is not in giftedness but in the development of God's character in us through consistent daily fellowship with God through His word and prayer. As we mature in love and begin to love to the same extent that God does then we are filled with all the fullness of God. Glory to His name. That is a great place to stop and shout for a while.

This is the way Jesus lived and why He was able to love us to the extent that He did on Calvary.

"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell;" (COLOSSIANS 1:19)

All the fullness dwelt in Him, in other words Jesus was God's love in action. He was so yielded to agape love that there was no limit to what He would do for man; heal the sick cleanse the leper raise the dead, and finally die on the cross. Did you know that we as believers are capable of living in that kind of love, of all the fullness of God? Hold on to your hat as you read **JOHN 1:16**, "And of his fullness

have all we received, and grace for grace.”

Those who have been born of God have received the same fullness that Jesus had in His earthly life, we can love to the extent that He did. When love gets control of our lives we will not be conscious of the sacrifice we are making to help people anymore because no price is too great to pay to help someone discover God’s love for them and to help them receive all that Jesus died to give them. We won’t be murmuring about going the extra mile to serve among the people of God but conversely we will rejoice at the opportunity to do something that will show the love that is bursting within us.

“From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord; this shall not be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (MATTHEW 16:21-26)

Why did Jesus say we could expect answers to our prayers, was it not because the Father Himself loves us? Beloved of God, He so loved us; we ought to so love each other. Whatever my brother may ask of me that is within my power to do I must do it.

“But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children let us not love in word neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 JOHN 3:17-18)

When the church reaches this level of love the sinners will be seeking us out because they will see God in us in all his fullness. *Jesus said, And I if I be lifted up from earth, will draw all men to me. (JOHN 12:32)*

“Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.” (EPHESIANS 5:1-2)

Let us press on to this high calling in Christ Jesus, not to be just people of power or gifts or signs, but filled with all the fullness of God which is limitless love. God will demonstrate His mighty power through us and do the miraculous because it will be the proof of His love for all. Once while in Bible College as I was sitting in class the Holy Spirit revealed to me a beautiful truth. God reminded me that during the Viet-

nam conflict the supplies that traveled overland by truck to the many outposts were vital to the soldiers who needed them. However that precious life saving cargo could not reach its destination by land unless roads were constructed first. Love in our life like the road, it must be built in our lives so that this precious cargo of Holy Spirit’s ministry can reach those who so desperately need it to deliver them from Satan’s bondage. Sometimes it takes heavy construction to make a road possible, so it is with us that sometimes God has much work to do in us to bring us to the place where we can walk in the fullness of His love. Oh what joy unspeakable it is to get even to the fringe of the fullness of God and see Him flow through us as He did through Jesus Christ.



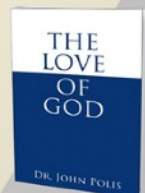
DR. JOHN POLIS
Revival Fellowship
International

John Polis Ministries

www.johnpolis.com
www.rfiusa.org

drjohn@rfiusa.org

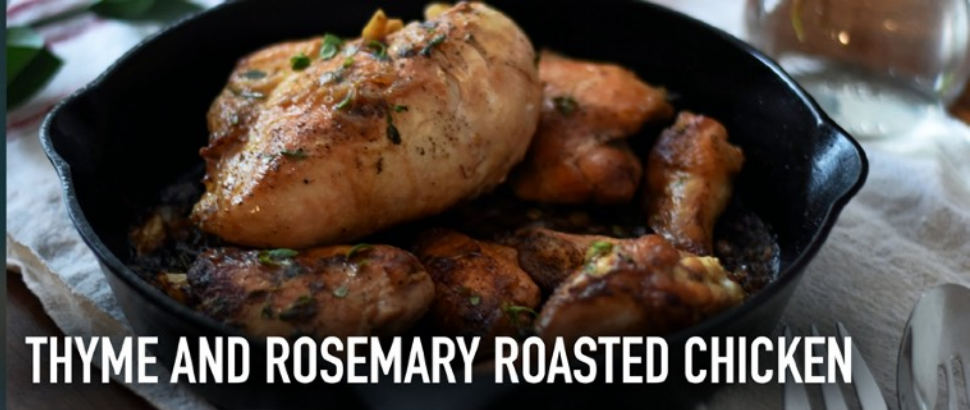
You can get your
copy of “The
Love Of God” at
johnpolis.com



TAKE FAITH CHURCH INTERNATIONAL WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO

Hear messages from Drs. John and Rebecca and guests, also watch Restoration TV.

With the FREE FAITH CHURCH APP you can get a dose of Faith whether you are at the gym, driving to work, cleaning the house, or on vacation. Scan the QR Code Below or search your favorite app store for "FAITH CHURCH INT".



THYME AND ROSEMARY ROASTED CHICKEN

YOU WILL NEED

- About 8 pieces of chicken (I used a mix of breast, thighs, and legs etc..)
- 1 small yellow onion chopped
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tbsp fresh rosemary chopped
- 2 tbsp fresh thyme (just pull off of stem)
- 3/4 cup organic chicken stock
- Pink salt or sea salt and pepper
- 1 tbsp real butter + 1 tbsp olive oil

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 375
- Heat butter and olive oil over medium high heat in an oven safe skillet.
- Generously coat chicken with salt and pepper. (de-skin if you want)
- Put seasoned chicken in hot skillet.
- Brown on both sides, then remove chicken from the pan.
Cooking Tongs make this easy.
- Lower the heat, add more butter and olive oil if needed and sauté onions, season with salt and pepper and cook until they are translucent.
- Add garlic, rosemary, and thyme, and cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Deglaze the pan with chicken stock.
- Add chicken back to pan and while its cooking add a sprinkle of fresh herbs on top.
- Transfer chicken into the oven, cooking for about 30-45 min depending on the size chicken you choose.
- Half way through, flip chicken.
- Place chicken on a serving plate and spoon sauce over chicken.
- Enjoy!

* If you don't have an iron skillet, they are a great addition to your kitchen!

Recipe taken from elkeliving.com





ACTS 2:42
RFI FAMILY GATHERING

JULY 25-27
TWENTY NINETEEN

LOCATION TBA | SAVE THE DATE



REVIVAL FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL
600 The Drive
Fairmont, WV 26554

MAIL TO: