

# Who Has Love, Has All.

by Francois Fenelon

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*Francois Fenelon's sermon emphasizes that true love for God is foundational to the Christian life and encompasses all other virtues.*

**Scripture:** Deuteronomy 6:5, Matthew 22:37, Romans 5:8, 1 Corinthians 13:2, Galatians 5:6, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:19

**Topics:** "Christian Love", "Spiritual Growth"

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## Description

Francois Fenelon emphasizes the importance of having love, stating that whoever possesses love has everything. He encourages maintaining faithfulness in religious practices even when lacking pleasure in them, highlighting the purity and safety of fidelity sustained without emotional delights. Fenelon advises engaging in Christian conversations with trusted family members and daily reading and reflection to gain strength for the sacrifices required by God, emphasizing that love for God is the key to fulfilling all other aspects of life.

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## Transcript

LETTER XXVIII.

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I have thought frequently, since yesterday, on the matters you communicated to me, and I have increasing confidence that God will sustain you. Though you take no great pleasure in religious exercises, you must not neglect to be faithful in them, as far as your health will permit. A convalescent has but little appetite, but he must eat to sustain life.

It would be very serviceable to you, if you could occasionally have a few minutes of Christian converse with such of your family as you can confide in, and, as to the choice, be guided in perfect liberty by your impressions at the moment. God does not call you by any lively emotions, and I heartily rejoice at it, if you will but remain faithful; for a fidelity, unsustained by delights, is far purer, and safer from danger, than one accompanied by those tender feelings, which may be seated too exclusively in the imagination. A little reading and recollection every day, will be the means of insensibly giving you light and strength for all the sacrifices God will require of you. Love Him, and I will acquit you of everything else; for everything else will come by love. I do not ask from you a love tender and emotional, but only that your will should lean towards love, and that, notwithstanding all the corrupt desires of your heart, you should prefer God before

self and the whole world.

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