

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

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Brethren, this is the greatest opportunity for the world to listen to and receive the word of God. There is only one God and one Lord and all Humans are brethren. People erroneously say that there are many different Gods. This is not true; there is only one God and one Lord. Others ignorantly think and believe that there are many commandments and laws but I want to reveal to you today that there is only one commandment.

Our Lord Jesus Christ left an injunction saying we should love one another as he has loved us. I want to reveal to you what love is. The book of 1st Corinthians, chapter thirteen says: if you bestow all your goods to feed the poor and give up yourself to be burned and you have no love, it profits you nothing. *“And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.”* (1st Corr. 13: 3) God is love; our Lord Jesus Christ is love; the Holy Spirit is love; that is why it is said that Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one. That is also why our Lord Jesus Christ said, “I and my Father are one.” The real meaning of Love is oneness, to regard every other person as you. You should understand that God regards everybody in the world as one, whether young or old, rich or poor, high or low; God regards all the same. If someone mistakenly says that you do not know God, I want to assure you that God knows you as His child. No matter your situation in life; a thief, murderer, fornicator, smoker, drunkard, liar, polygamist, adulterer, idolater etc., God will not deny you, because God is love, and He is also your creator.

Be assured that God loves you. Any person who has love is in God and God is in him. The cause of the troubles and problems in the world is the simple fact that there is no love. Do what you may in the world, if you do not have love, you cannot achieve anything and there will be no peace in your life. If you have love, you will not kill, you will not steal, and you will not disgrace or abuse or curse any person. People think that when they give money or a building or an expensive present to others, it means that is love. No! The truth is that no matter what you give, unless you regard the person as yourself, there is no love. That is why our Lord Jesus Christ gave

us only one commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." Do not only listen to these words, try and practice them and you will receive love, peace, good health and happiness.

It is said that a house divided against itself cannot stand. What has brought death, sickness, hardship and sorrows to the world is the simple fact that you do not love one another. God has no distinction among persons, no distinction between man and woman, animals and human beings. Our Lord Jesus Christ regards every person as Himself and that is why He came and gave His life for the whole world. Love worketh no evil against his neighbor. Love is the fulfillment of all laws. Whoever has love is known of God. As you think about yourself, God is thinking about every human being, fishes in the water, animals in the bush, birds in the air, and all His creation. Why should we then not take stock of ourselves and regard every person as ourselves?

First Lesson: John 15:12

"This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you."

Brethren, this is the only law promulgated by God and our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord did not found a church nor did he erect a church building. He founded and established LOVE. He said we should love one another, as He has loved us. For you to shout Jesus, Jah etc., every day at the top of your voice without putting the word of God into practice profits you nothing. Go back and put these words of God into practice, because He has said that anybody who hears His commandment and keeps it is the person who loves Him. Since you have now known that God did not establish so many laws and the theme of all our preaching is LOVE, you should come together and love one another. God knows that you do not love yourselves and that is why it is difficult for you to love others. Hence, His instruction, that we should love others and ourselves as He has loved us.

If we love, we will not indulge in any vice or commit any sin because *"love doeth no ill to his neighbor. Love is patient, kind, long-suffering and merciful; love does not envy, is not easily provoked and thinketh no evil."* Love is power, love is life, and love is the wisdom of truth. God is love and when you practice love, you will have everything in the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ came because of the sins committed by our forefathers. He came to unite the whole world in Love! Therefore, the whole world should learn to love one another so that there will be peace on earth.

When we talk about the prodigal children, we mean thieves, robbers, prostitutes, drunkards, murderers and all those who engage in sin. They are all children of God but they are wanted children. Do not ever refer to another person as Satan. There is no Satan but the spirit of error. When we steal, we say it is Satan; that is not true; the problem is that we have no love. The Bible refers to the lost sheep of Israel and who do you think they are? They are those who drink and smoke, the idolaters, liars, fornicator's etc. yet they are all God's children.

The Father is here, our Lord Jesus Christ has come, the Holy Spirit has come and all the heavenly hosts are here, and so, we must have love. If you keep looking at the sky to see when our Lord will descend, you will look till doomsday and He will not come to you. Practice love and extend that love to your neighbor, then the Lord will reveal himself to you. You have never been told that a drunkard, thief, liar, murderer or fornicators will see God. Such persons can never see God. If you therefore, love another, it means that you love God and have obeyed His commandment, and He in turn will reveal Himself to you. Stop asking where you can find God. Just obey Him and love one another and He will come to you and you will see Him.

Second Lesson: John 14:21

“He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me and he that loveth me shall be loved by my Father and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Have you heard that? Go and experiment on this. Go and re-arrange your thinking. If you have any grudge and hate against your neighbor, repent today and extend love to him or her and God will reveal Himself to you. The scriptures say; we have moved from death unto life because we love the brethren, but any person who has no love remains in death. *“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”* (1 John 3:14) From January to December every year, I preach nothing to you but LOVE because love is the central theme of all preaching and if you do not have love it means you are worth nothing in the world. The time is short and you must practice love.

Our Lord did not only preach love but demonstrated it in practical terms and we should do exactly as He has done because we are all debtors. If you love one another, our Lord Jesus Christ will love you and will reveal the Father to you. Again, remember what He told you; that if you are slapped, you should turn the other cheek; that if your coat is demanded, surrender the inner coat too; that we should not rebuke or resist any evildoer. Why do you say you know our Lord Jesus Christ, and that He is your savior and master; that you are a Christian and yet, you do not keep his words? He has told us: *“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you and pray for those who despitefully use you, that you may resemble your heavenly Father because he causes his rain to fall on the good and bad and his sun to shine on the just and unjust.”* No person has the right to judge the other or criticize or sow seeds of discord or create distinction among persons. It is only the Almighty God and His Christ who is all in all to all. We have to emulate Him. Since He came and taught us love, we must practice it. We must love one another as He loved us. Here in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, we preach and practice LOVE. Brotherhood is not a worldly church; neither is it a prayer house or healing home. Brotherhood means oneness. God and His Christ and everything is love and anybody who does not possess this love still abides in death and darkness.

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“For I have given you an example that ye should do as I have done to you.”

Who has spoken these words? It is Jesus Christ whom you claim to know. He has given you this Commandment; that you should love one another as He has loved you. If you keep His commandment, the Father will reveal Himself to you. Christ has given us the example to follow. He has shown us this example by loving and forgiving us, and sacrificing Himself for us on the Cross. He told us that He had many things to tell us but that we could not bear them. *“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”* (John 16:12-15)

I do not seek my own glory, I am here to glorify Christ and remind all of you the teachings Christ promised. Our Lord Jesus Christ said, love one another. He did not say that we should love only people of our race, denomination or tribe. He said we should love all human beings and all creation. Let us all come together in love and assure one another that we are God’s children.

He that has an ear, let him hear, and may God bless His Holy words, Amen.

Thank You Father!