

1st John # 54 “The Ultimate Sacrifice” 1st John 3:16

Sin must first be dealt with before worship can take place because worship is always on God’s terms, never on our terms.

The majority of our worship is not to be seen by people because it’s a sign of submission to exalt God rather than man; so, it’s mostly done in private and not public.

Death must take place to pay the penalty for sin, so, all the Old Testament sacrifices were object lessons or teaching aids to explain the future sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world.

There are three times in life when we must grow up: 1. When we’re born, we need to grow physically, emotionally and intellectually; 2. When we get married, we need to grow in understanding of our partner to love them and 3. When we’re born-again, we need to grow spiritually to fulfill the plan of God as we’re blessed along the way, glorifying God in the process.

Integrity, honor and virtue from living in the plan of God produces unconditional, impersonal love and no one is capable of any expression of true love unless they learn, understand, believe and apply the unconditional impersonal love of Jesus Christ.

To understand impersonal love, we must begin with the essence of God the Father who invented unconditional impersonal love as part of the function of the plan of God for all Church Age believers.

God’s dealing with us and our point of contact with God is not God’s love, it’s His integrity or holiness.

While He was still alive on the cross, Jesus Christ received our condemnation which became the efficacious saving work of Christ also known as the Atonement for every member of the human race, without exception.

The willingness to give one’s life for any believer is a motivation demonstration of the maximum virtue of unconditional, impersonal love in the soul of the mature believer.

Someone may not be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice from this motivation but the presence of this motivation is a formidable force to deal with any personal problem in life, to include the option of giving one’s life for another!