

John 210 “Loving Like Jesus Loved” John 13:31-35

2nd Thessalonians 1:11-12 With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of His calling and that by His power, He may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the Name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:30 And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.

The Lord Jesus is about to become the first person in history to enter the Father’s presence based on His own personal merit!

The Lord Jesus Christ is an overwhelming success because He came to earth primarily to accomplish two things: 1. Reveal God the Father to His creation; 2. Provide eternal salvation for lost mankind and He did them both magnificently.

Believers are not removed at the point of salvation but left behind to represent the Lord Jesus on the battlefield in Satan’s domain; planet earth.

The new commandment is based on the new provision; a new creation has a new job description.

Since every Church Age believer is a Royal priest, representing himself before God, agape love is commanded for the first time for all believers at all times.

1st John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

A believer’s privacy should be protected to the greatest extent in the local assembly.

Love comes in five categories for the Royal Family of God:

- a. Category 1 is love directed toward God**
- b. Category 2 is love for spouse**
- c. Category 3 is love for friends**
- d. Category 4 is loving all the brethren with unconditional impersonal love**
- e. Category 5 is loving all others including our enemies with unconditional impersonal love.**

We cannot love God unless we know Him and we cannot know Him unless we have processed enough pertinent biblical truth related to Him.

Category 1 love for God is the most difficult love of all to express because it takes consistent inhale of the Word of God to produce a consistent exhale of confidence in God to express this love.

To express love requires the ultimate in separation of thought through maximum concentration.

But the problem for so many is that man’s concepts of love are as different as the number of people on earth, so they vary from expressions with absolutely no integrity to expressions with much integrity.

The Lord Jesus remained consistent in His capacity for love which started with His thoughts and that led to the manifestation of them.

All so-called love is a meaningless source of disappointment unless we have personal love for God first and we must always remember, love is a thought expressed, not an emotion felt.

And there must be capacity before proper expression, so until we have biblical truth in the soul, we don't have concentration and we cannot love like Jesus loved.

Virtue-love solves problems and at the same time provides capacity for virtue-dependent love,

a peaceful life, true happiness and thanksgiving.

Personal love discriminates and impersonal love is non-discriminating; not involving one's personal feelings or emotions toward the object of love.

The only way to avoid reacting to people in life is through the application of impersonal love.

Personal love is weak because it depends on our relating to someone but impersonal love is strong because it depends on the character of Christ in us.

Loving like Jesus loved sometimes means carefully confronting people with the truth of their situation.

And learning to love like Jesus loved requires a conscious effort but if it couldn't be accomplished, He wouldn't have commanded it for His disciples' SOP.

So, love like Jesus loved, dear friends, yes go and do likewise everywhere to all!