

“To love like Jesus” Philippians 1:7-8 Psalm 107

The greatest manifestation of the dynamics of human love occurred at the Cross, when the human nature of Jesus Christ received the judgment of our sins.

When Jesus Christ received the judgment of our sins, He did it because He had two unique categories of love directed toward God the Father plus He had perfect human impersonal love for the entire human race.

The power of love is phenomenal and Jesus could not go to the Cross without perfect love for God the Father who was about to judge Him as our sacrifice.

The more we love God, the more we will love people and the more we love people, the more we show the love of God.

What changes do I want to make in my life and what adjustments must be made to become that type of person?

It's good to keep inventory of God's dealings in the past, His work in the present and His promises for the future.

No matter what Paul's circumstances, he always stops everything he's doing to consider all the wonderful benefits in serving God and he praises Him accordingly.

Because of their mutual love for Christ and each other, the Philippians share in Paul's afflictions as well as victories in the grace and service of the Master.

To know in advance of the positive outcome in the future, causes one to be patient even in difficult situations in the present.

The further we advance in the spiritual life, the more our priorities or scale of values change and the more intense our intimacy with Jesus Christ becomes.

Man is incapable of loving God apart from biblical truth which is necessary for our salvation; the Gospel is Bible truth.

Persistence in learning truth accumulates maximum residency of truth in the soul.

True humility is a mature believer occupied with Christ totally relaxed; not out to prove anything and enjoying everything.

Even in the greatest conflicts of life, the mature believer is capable of objective thinking.

At this stage of the conflict, the remaining warriors bond quickly and deeply.

Paul has an opinion about his favorite congregation which is composed of those who are consistently positive and whose progress is right behind his.

When we love like Jesus, we are anxious for the happiness, protection, security and care of our loved ones.

The defense of the Gospel or good news is evangelization, while the establishment of the Gospel is doctrinal teaching to new converts.

In this partnership, Paul provides the truth for their spiritual growth and they provide the monetary offerings which is a part of his logistic grace support.

Paul has the capacity for and the expression of love because God has provided the object of his love, an entire congregation of wonderful advancing believers.

So, as Paul studies, his capacity for love increases and as he teaches, their capacity for love increases.

Paul is saying that his love for the Philippians is so deep that he loves them as Jesus Christ would love them.

The pastor is motivated to study and teach through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, his own spiritual growth and a love response from his congregation.