

"LOVE NEVER FAILETH"
THE GREATEST THING ABOUT LOVE IS THAT --
-- IT LASTS -- NEVER FAILS --

THE LOVE OF GOD IS SHED ABROAD IN OUR
HEARTS -- BY THE HOLY SPIRIT -- [ROM 5:5] --
"SO"

-- THE EVIDENCE OF GENUINE CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE
-- IS NOT WHAT WE SAY WE BELIEVE -- BUT
HOW MUCH WE LOVE --

TO MAKE CHRIST KNOWN -- BY THE CHURCH -- IS
AND OBLIGATION OF THE CHRISTIAN -- AND TO
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN BY THIS WEAPON -- OF LOVE
IS TO INSURE -- VICTORY --

A CARNAL CHRISTIAN -- LED BY SELF-LOVE --
AND NOT CHRIST LOVE -- IS LIKE A CARNAL
CHURCH -- WHICH IS A -- DIVIDED -- WORLDLY --
INDULGENT -- COMPROMISING CHURCH -- AND
CAN NEVER EFFECTIVELY PROCLAIM --
-- A SPIRITUAL MESSAGE --

SUCH HOLY SPIRIT LOVE -- --
HAS ITS ORIGIN IN HEAVEN -- AND IS PERFECTLY
EXPRESSED -- IN JESUS CHRIST -- [JOHN 13:1]
WHO

"HAVING LOVED HIS OWN -- WHICH WERE IN THE --
WORLD -- HE LOVED THEM UNTO THE END."

TO WHAT EXTENT HAS THIS LOVE . . .
GOT HOLD OF US AS BELIEVERS ?

IT IS THE BEAUTY OF A CHRISTIAN OR A
CONGREGATION . . . ~~THEY~~ HAVE TO THE LORD
JESUS CHRIST . . . AND IN THEIR LIVES . . .
LOVE BRINGS HEAVEN NEAR TO ALL THEY
TOUCH . . .

THROUGH LOVE :

THE FALLEN ARE COMFORTED . . . AND THE
SORROWING ARE GIVEN HOPE —

LOVE

CHALLENGES CORRUPT MORALS WITH THE
BETTER HOPE . . . JOHN [4:14] . . . THE WOMAN AT
THE WELL . . . "THE WATER THAT I SHALL GIVE"
WILL ~~AND~~ "BE IN HIM" . . . "A WELL OF WATER" . . .
"SPRING UP UNTO EVERLASTING LIFE" . . .

LOVE

— FACES BROKEN HEARTS . . . AND BROKEN
HOMES AND LEADS THEM BACK TO CHRIST . . .
A NEW STANDARD OF LIVING "HOLY SPIRIT"
LEAD ~~AND~~ LOVE FULLY EXPRESSED —

THE LORD JESUS . . . NEVER . . . GIVES UP ON
ANYONE . . .

WHEN OTHER PEOPLE GIVE UP ON US . . . AND WHEN
WE BECOME HOPELESS ABOUT OURSELVES . . .
THE LORD JESUS NEVER GIVES UP ON US . . .
"HE LOVES US TO THE END" . . .

I AM SO GLAD I HAVE A GOD LIKE THAT !!

WHEN

OTHERS GIVE UP ON US IN DESPAIR -- I AM GLAD MY GOD IS NOT LIKE THAT -- HE KEEPS ON -- LOVING AND PLANNING FOR OUR GOOD --

WHY?

LOVE CANNOT BE CONQUERED -- BECAUSE LOVE BEARS -- BELIEVES -- HOPES -- AND ENDURES -- THE APOSTLE PAUL WRITES IN [1 COR 13].

IN THIS CHAPTER

PAUL GIVES US AN OUTLINE OF HOW LOVE EXPRESSES ITSELF --

(VS 4) LOVE SUFFERS AND SYMPATHIZES -- LOVE DOES NOT RETALIATE, HOW WE SEE THIS DIVINE LOVE ILLUSTRATED IN THE LIFE OF OUR LORD -- [1 PETER 2:23] -- "WHEN HE WAS REVILED -- HE DID NOT REVILE IN RETURN"

REVILE HERE MEANS: -- TO ABUSE, ATTACK WITH EVIL WORDS --

(VS 4) LOVE KNOWS CONTENTMENT AND CALM, -- LOVE DOES NOT CALL ATTENTION TO ITSELF -- AND DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN ENDS --

THE BOASTER IS ALWAYS STRIVING -- AND IS NEVER CONTENT -- HE IS SO INTOXICATED WITH SELF-LOVE -- HE HAS NO LOVE FOR -- OTHERS --

(V8.5) LOVE IS SEEMLY AND SELFLESS —
 LOVE IS COURTEOUS AND POLITE — SOME PEOPLE
 PRIDE THEMSELVES — ON THEIR FRANKNESS —
 BUT — FRANKNESS IS AN EXCUSE FOR —
 — 'RUDENESS' —

(V8.5) LOVE IS PATIENT AND PURE —
 — "NOT EASILY PROVOKED" —
 HUMAN LOVE IS OFTEN IMPURE — BUT NOT
 DIVINE LOVE — DIVINE LOVE IS:
 PATIENT — PURE — PACEABLE — IT DOES
 NOT LOOK FOR THE WORST IN OTHERS —
 — LOVE SEES THE BEST — LOVE LIFTS THE
 HEAVY BURDEN OF OTHERS — AND CALLS IT
 LIFE —

IT IS

— TRAGICALLY POSSIBLE TO BE A PERSON OF
 FAITH — YET A — LOVELESS SOUL —

FAITH AND LOVE MUST GO TOGETHER — AS THE
 NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH — LIKE THE
 THESSALONIANS — (1:3) — "I GIVE THANKS —
 "REMEMBERING YOUR LOVE" —
 (PHIL 1:3) "THANK MY GOD ALWAYS — UPON EVER
 REMEMBRANCE OF YOU"

— FAITH IS OFTEN SAID TO BE THE ROOT — AND LOVE
 THE FRUIT —

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A PLANT TO BE ALMOST ALL
 ROOT — WITHOUT FRUIT — — [LOVE]

— [SO MANY CHRISTIANS ARE LIKE THAT]