

The greatest of these

Love stands alone as the benchmark of our relationship to God. And so it should for it was lavished on us by the giving of Jesus.

But I stir our minds to remember that the love we are talking about is not based in our own desires but in God's love pouring out through us. We will know we are operating in His love when:

Love suffers long: difficult people difficult circumstances don't affect our love for them even in long trials that sometimes last for years. When we get fed up and want out, we know we have slipped back into our own hearts and left His!

Love unselfishly loves selfish people: in human love, people have to deserve it before we give of ourselves. But in Christ's love you give of yourself to people who don't appreciate it. This is not only difficult to do, but is impossible in human love, it has to come from God alone.

Love generously gives to stingy people: Once again if God only gave to us in response to our love, none of us would receive anything from the Lord. "He makes His rain to fall on the just and the unjust". Give to people who can't pay you back, and watch heaven smile over your life.

Love continually blesses unappreciative people: You can only do this as you look to the Lord for your reward. "if your enemy is hungry feed him if he is thirsty give him a drink for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Some take this to mean that God will exact His vengeance. Others think it means God will melt the heart of even the coldest sinner when you treat them with love.

Let us examine ourselves, let us look deep into our hearts and see if we are really in the faith! To imitate Christ is the ultimate goal, and love is how it's done.

Pastor Chambers

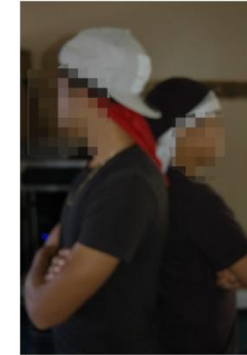
Scripture For The Week (a word of warning for our nation)

Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries. "Behold, I am against you," says the Lord of hosts; "I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. I will cast abominable filth upon you, make you vile, and make you a spectacle."

Nahum 3:4-6

Coming Sept. 5th, Sunday 10:30am

Special Music Guests Rappers, Rapping for Jesus.....



Don't miss this special presentation!

Coming Events!

Aug 21st, 10:00am

Gatekeepers Youth Ministry
Day at the Beach (Bolsa Chica)

Each Sunday in August, 10:30 am

Kids Crusade - Kingdom of the Son!

Aug 27th through Aug 29th

Royal Rangers Summer Camp - Big Bear

Aug 30th through Sept 3rd

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Prayer Revival