

Upcoming Events...

1 Corinthians Class: Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: August 29

Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Erik Borlaug, October 1-4

Welcome Back! Lee McKnight. Her address is 82298 Lancaster Dr. Indio, CA 92201; her phone number is (619) 301-6515.

Gonzalo Medina has moved: new address is 74125 De Anza Way, Palm Desert, CA 92260

August Birthdays

4 Noah Perales 6 Gigi Zamarripa 12 Debbie Hoffman
12 Lee McKnight 16 Nick Hoffman 19 Keith Lovelady
25 Pat Limburg

August Anniversaries

2 Buddy & Dolly Cashion

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

Preacher:
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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

By Jon Mitchell

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.” 1 Corinthians 13 :1-3



**What is real, true love?
Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

You know, loving Jesus is all about obeying his commandments (John 14:15, 21, 23-24). Those of us who truly love God will do our best to obey all that he has commanded of us in his Word. We will preach his gospel without changing it in any way. We will worship him the way he told us to. We will go to church, and be a part of the right church. We will be evangelistic, benevolent, church-going, Bible-reading, praying people. And that’s a good thing.

However, it is very possible for us to, without realizing it, start to do all of these things that God has told us to do...without love. We might start sharing the gospel with people for no other reason than filling the pews and increasing the contribution, with the saving of their souls never even being a major factor in our minds. We might start worshiping God ritualistically in the way he told us during the worship hour, and treat our brethren badly after the final “amen” (James 3:9-12). We might be very faithful in our church

attendance, be involved in a lot of charitable organizations and functions, read our Bibles every day and pray every night...and do it all without real, agape love for all of our fellow man. And if that is the case, how long will it take before we lose our love for God? Not long (Matt. 15:7-9).

What is real, true love? Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. It's patience. Kindness. It's not envy. It's not pride. It's not rude. It's not selfish. It's not irritable. It's not resentful. It's not happy when wrong is done. It's happy when truth occurs. It is willing to bear all things. It gives others the benefit of the doubt first. It always hopes for the best. It is willing to endure for a very, very long time.

Sounds like God's love, doesn't it? That's how God wants us to be...like him (2 Pet. 1:4).

Brotherly Love

Excerpted from article by Doy Moyer

In our modern day, "love" has many faces. A man may see a woman for the first time and say, "I'm in love." What he means is, "I have a strong attraction." To some, "love" implies lust. Basically, "love" means anything we want it to mean in whatever given circumstance. Some parents think they "love" their children too much to discipline them. Some friends "love" each other too much to rebuke sin. Sadly, some of our twentieth century concepts of love have been projected back into Scripture, and we lose the Biblical application of true love.

Love is characterized much more by action than by feeling. When Jesus commanded His disciples to *"love one another, even as I have loved you"* (John 13:34), He was not just telling them to feel warmly about each other. He was commanding action, just as He had acted. It is thus by God's action that we know what real love is all about (Romans 5:8; I John 3:16). Based upon this, we are told, *"let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth"* (I John 3:18). This kind of love (agape) is to pervade all of our relationships: family, brethren, and even enemies (Matthew 5:44). It is a love that seeks the best for all involved, and is

demonstrated by taking whatever action is necessary to secure that best for the other person.

It may sound a bit trite, but we need more love - Biblical love. If the people of God are to survive well into the next century, then love will be one of the essential reasons for survival. Specifically, we want to consider the love that brethren should have for one another.

What Is Love? The two primary terms for "love" in the Scriptures are **agape** and **phileo**. Both terms are very significant when discussing the love that brethren are to have for each other. **Agape** often indicates love that is based upon high regard or appreciation. It is the demonstration of one's love for another. Brethren are to have this kind of regard for each other (John 13:34; I John 2:10). We should appreciate each other for who we are (both God's creatures and God's children), and demonstrate a high regard for one another in seeking what is best for each other. A congregation characterized by this love will do well in the Lord's service.

A congregation without it will quickly die, for it will be filled with those who are selfish and have little regard for anyone else. **Phileo** is a love based more upon association. It is an affection for someone or something to which we are closely related. For example, James used the term with reference to the world: *"friendship (i.e., affection) with the world is enmity with God"* (James 4:4). Concerning brethren, the term is combined with "brother" to indicate "brotherly love" (philadelphia), or affection for another believer in Christ based upon the common relationship. In the New Testament, this term is restricted to fellow believers.

As Christians, we have a very special relationship as brethren in Christ. This should invoke great affection for each other. If it does not, then we need to take another look at our relationship with God. Both expressions of "love" encompass our thoughts and actions. There is nothing that a congregation should do or think that does not take into account the affection, regard, and actions toward those who share a common salvation. It is the essential mark of Christians that they consider others first.