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**Real Love**

1 Corinthians 13:3-4 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (4) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, (KJV)

As we see, the motive of the heart plays a big part in our salvation; because anything other than the love of God will not work and will profit one nothing. There are many charitable organizations that provide for the carnal needs of people; however, those that are called of God need to provide for the spiritual as well, knowing that man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God which brings life and sheds light on how to operate in His love.

Philippians 1:15-17 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: (16) The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: (17) But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. (KJV)

Paul himself dealt with those that didn’t truly understand the love of God, so they were mostly motivated by building up a following rather than the people. For those that enter into that realm of contention, they are no longer sincere in their walk but are rather self serving and of no profit as far as the kingdom of God is concerned.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. (2) I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. (3) For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? (KJV)

You know, with all the denominations that we are surrounded with in this country alone, can you actually say that was what God intended when He sent us His Son? That would be a no; because what should be a church that is more concerned with the needs of others, that being the Spiritual needs, many of these places resemble more of a day care center with all the bickering and back biting, strife and contentions.

1 John 4:7-9 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (8) He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. (9) In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (KJV)

Do you really have a love for the Lord today? Well, if you do, then I can assure you that you won’t get caught up in a bunch of petty bickering or contentions that many times has nothing to do with salvation, but rather nitpicky people who see their own faults in others and end up taking out their frustrations on them instead of on the one looking back at them in the mirror.

Philippians 2:1-4 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, (2) Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. (3) Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. (4) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. (KJV)

We see the solution to the dilemma that took place in the first chapter of Philippians where Paul encountered strife and contentions, mainly because people were more concerned with their own things than those of others. You will find that in your own walk you will experience more of the love of God when you put the same practice into motion yourself. Simply put, the love of God is realizing that you are not the only one here on planet earth.