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**Real Love**

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. (9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (KJV)

Want to know what is so comforting about the love of God; how about the fact that it never fails us? Man’s wisdom and knowledge only goes so far; even our own thoughts and ways fall short and fail. However, once one is able to let go and love the Lord with all of and not just part of their heart, then the iffy part of the equation is done away.

Luke 12:33-34 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth. (34) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. (KJV)

When you see the term sell, it is not referring to having a big garage sale; rather it is referring to selling or getting rid of the old way of thinking. Instead of being consumed with the treasures of this earth, keep looking above where there is some real treasure, something that will never let you down or fail you. The more you experience this love, the less you will be concerned with what is taking place in this fallen realm.

1 John 4:17-19 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. (18) There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. (19) We love him, because he first loved us. (KJV)

I can tell you from my own personal experiences that nothing in this realm could ever eliminate fear, a fear that is tormenting to those that try to do things on their own, you know like a child? The day of judgment is one to look forward to and not to be dreaded, because you made the love of God your first priority, seeking to please Him only. The people pleasers and wannabes are more concerned with the approval of man, because for many of the hirelings that we have standing in pulpits salvation is more of an occupation rather than real love and commitment to God and His people.

John 15:10-13 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. (11) These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. (12) This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. (13) Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. (KJV)

You know, when you empty the cup of all that fear and doubt from the past the Lord refills that cup with joy to the brim. Think about this, if the cup is full of joy, which is a result of the love of God being shed in your heart, then that doesn’t leave any room for fear does it? So what’s the greatest love that we can have for God; how about laying aside our own things and putting the things of others first? A failsafe plan that is never ending.