

John Ch15 v 12 - This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

When we read or hear the commandments that we are asked to follow out of love for the Lord (John Ch14v15 - If ye love me, keep my commandments.) It always seems to feel that this is the easiest commandment to follow, well how it seems on a surface value, and therefore we tend to brush over its words. The weak Churches of today are non-stop talking about Love for one another and have in some ways drained the subject, to make you think, we already know all about the love that we should show to others and we feel that we show it quite well considering...

When, recently I have been thinking deeply about this subject I realise how badly I follow this commandment, I find it easy to love those who are close to me and my family, but then when it comes to those who despitely use me and has no intention of loving me back, this commandment of loving others seems to fly out the window.

Romans Ch12v10 - Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

... in honour preferring one another. This is where the rubber hits the road so to speak. Even though you find others treating and speaking to you as if they don't care about you. We must still rise above it and show that we still do care about them and ask the Lord to give us strength and not hold anything against them but to not show any bad intentions in response.

For those who are believers we are to be a good example for the Lord and live as a Christian should live and do all we do just to put the Lord first and show we would do anything for Him. In a way to love one another is not to put others first but is to put the Lord first it's because we love the Lord so much that we will do what He wants us to do, and if it means showing kindness and love to those who treat us badly then so be it. To show love to others and to treat them better then you treat yourself is to give them the best in all possible, when the other raises their voice at you answer softly back to them (Prov 15v1), when they push in front of you to eat first, let them eat first, when your both upset be the one to cheer them up first, when you have an 'silence though disagreement' be the one to speak and apologise first. Yes, it's so easy to type this all out but to put it into practice is so very difficult and it is so easy to ignore and not speak to or argue those who 'treat you badly' but this isn't what the Lord wants for us. Especially as brothers and sisters in Christ! What a bad example we are portraying to those unsaved people in the world.

Of course by this I'm not talking about tolerance of all religions and Cults but we are to speak the truth in Love (Ephesians Ch 4v15) and preach the truth of Christ because we love them not because we want to win an argument with them. In some cases were possible we are to take the good and leave the bad.

2 Thessalonians Ch2v10 - And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

When it comes to the unbeliever from the verse above we can see that we are to give them the love of the truth, so that they might be saved. This doesn't mean that we are to water down the Gospel to them and cut out the parts that we feel might 'scare' them. But, as we know the gospel of the Lord Jesus is love anyway, the fact that the Lord Jesus (God in the flesh) came down to this evil world deliberately to die on the cross with our sins upon Him then to go to Hell (Mt 12:40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.) then sprinkle His Blood on the Mersey seat in heaven, all this was done just so that us sinners have been given a way in which we can spend eternity with our Lord in Heaven in perfect paradise. This gospel is a gospel of love, and all He asks in return is to love others enough to spread the gospel onto them also and to show the love of Christ to others and not be afraid!

Heb 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Mt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

As Christians who love the Lord yet fear Him only we shouldn't be afraid Of man and the response that they may give us. The Lord is totally in control if you let Him be, he would not give you anything that would be too much for you and that you couldn't handle. The Lord and understands your efforts, so put your all into speaking to those who are unsaved.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: