

Rom. 6:1-6; 1 Cor. 13

Christ Crucified and Agape Love

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- 1. Phil. 2 is the very opposite of what fallen humanity was enslaved to: Apart from Christ and His Cross, they are under the power of sin and death, enslaved to their own selfish lusts that destroy relationship with God, others and self, (Rom. 1:18-32).**

- 2. Through the “means” of Christ’s death God displayed His Love in positionally removing believers from the power of sin and death through the Cross, bringing them into His righteousness and life under the power of God. (Rom. 6:1-10)**
 - a. The death of Christ freed us from sin because all that sin had against us was dealt with at the Cross (6:7-8).**
 - b. The resurrection of Christ ended the reign of death because God raised Him from the dead (6:9-10).**

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- 3. Through the “mode” of Christ’s death *on the Cross* God provided the mindset of Love that drove Him to that Cross and that is the mindset through which we experience freedom from sin and death in our bodily experience, walking in newness of life. (Rom. 5:4-8)**

- 4. Our “old man” was crucified with Christ, who served others by going to the Cross based on Love (Rom. 5:1-11; Phil. 2).**
 - And now we are identified as Christ’s crucified people:
Those who serve God by serving others based on love, not grasping our riches in Christ for ourselves but sharing them with others. (Rom. 6:6-13)**

- 5. Positionally, God separated us from sin, death and their power.**
 - We bring this into our experience by learning/unlearning:
knowing, believing, reckoning and presenting. (Rom. 6:6-13;
Titus 2:11-14)**

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- 6. Christ's pattern of AGAPE LOVE looks like this:**
 - a. Although: Christ possessed status of being God.**
 - b. Not: He didn't consider it something to be grasped for Himself**
 - c. But: Something to be used in a self-giving way for the advantage of others.**
 - 1. He made Himself of no reputation, took form of servant by coming in the likeness of humanity.**
 - 2. He was found in human form, humbled Himself unto death, even the death of the Cross.**
- 7. Any place you see these things, Paul is talking about Love.**
--Rom. 1:7-16—Paul's service of Love to the Romans.

1 Corinthians and Agape Love

1. **1 Corinthians centers on Christ Crucified and His Love. (1 Cor. 16:14, 20-23)**

2. **Putting together the meaning of love:**
 - a. **1 Cor. 13:5: Love seeks not its own.**
 - b. **1 Cor. 8:1; 10:23-24, 33: Love seeks not its own but the other's for the purpose of building up and edifying believers and the assembly in God's truth for today.**
 - d. **1 Cor. 11:1: Follow Paul in all of this because he is the one following Christ in this.**

- 3. 1 Cor. 13 is Paul's antidote to the Corinthians sinful walks.**
 - a. Love is patient, they were rushing ahead (11:20-22, 33).**
 - b. Love is kind, not envious, not boastful, not arrogant: They were jealous and quarrelling (3:3); boastful (4:7, 1:29-31; 3:21; 5:6); puffed up and arrogant (4:6; 4:18-19; 5:1-2; 8:1).**
 - c. Love is not rude: They were improper and shameful (5:1-2).**
 - d. Love does not seek its own things: They seek their own things (10:24, 33).**
 - e. Love is not irritable: They were experiencing divisions and rivalries (1 Cor. 1).**
 - f. Love is not resentful, does not rejoice in wrongdoing: They were using errant lawsuits and grievances, defrauding one another (6:1; 7-9)**
 - g. Love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things: They were in unbelief about the resurrection. (1 Cor. 15)**