

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

Rom. 6, 1 Cor. And Love (Pt. 2)

Romans 6 and Agape Love

- 1. Anything your doing that an unbeliever can do is not the Christian Life.**
 - a. The Christian Life is not just refraining from certain, an unbeliever can do that.**
 - b. The Christian Life is not just a moral life, many pagans led very moral lives.**
 - c. The Christian Life is the life motivated and empowered by the Love of God at the Cross of Christ that frees the sinner to serve God by serving others not for selfish gain but for the gain of others that builds them up in God's Truth for today.**

- 2. This is the only basis for true worship of and service to God:**
 - a. The only service accepted by God, that is completely apart from the contamination of Sin and Death, is Agape Love: Selfless service that flows out of the Love of God at the Cross of Christ for the sole purpose of building up others in God's Truth for today.**
 - b. This is the only way Rom. 3:23 can be resolved.**

- 3. The way we participate in our positional truth is by knowing it, believing it, reckoning on it and they yielding our bodies unto God as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:3-13)**

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4. **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.**
5. **Any place you see these things, Paul is talking about Love.**
--Rom. 1:7-16; 15:1-3—Paul's service of Love to the Romans.

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- 6. 1 Corinthians centers on Christ Crucified and His Love. (1 Cor. 16:14, 20-23)**

- 7. Putting together the meaning of love:**
 - a. 1 Cor. 13:5: Love seeks not its own.**
 - b. 1 Cor. 10:23-24, 33: Love seeks not its own but the other's.**
 - c. 1 Cor. 8:1: Love seeks not its own but the others 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.**

- 8. 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 (7:36, 5:1-2; 8:1).**
 - 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)**

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9. 1 Cor. 6:1-8 Going to the Roman Law.

Although they had the right to go to the Roman courts;

Do Not, because it is wrongdoing against a brother;

But be willing to be wronged yourselves.

10. 1 Cor. 8:1-13: Paul renounces food rights.

Although Paul had the right to eat all foods (8:1-2, 4-6);

He did not eat anything that would offend a weak brother (8:13);

But in selfless love served others to establish them.

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11. 1 Cor. 9:1-19: Paul renounces apostolic rights.

Although Paul had the right to be supported by the Cor. (vv. 1-14);

He did not demand it (v. 15-18);

But in selfless love served others to gain the more (19).

12. 1 Cor. 9:20-23: Paul's adaptability.

Although Paul had the right to enjoy his freedom in Christ;

He did not always use that freedom;

But in selfless love did what would win the most people as possible to Christ..

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