

## General Truths About Love

- A. Greater Than Faith and Hope (1 Cor. 13: 13)**
  - B. The Foundation of the Law (Mk. 12: 28-33; Matt. 22:37-40)**
  - C. The Fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 14:8-10)**
  - D. The Mark of Jesus' Disciples (John 13:34-35)**
  - E. Those Forgiven of Much, Love Much (Luke 7:41-47)**
  - F. Sometimes Love is Ill Treated (2 Cor. 12:15)**
  - G. Faith Works By Love (Gal. 5:6; Eph. 4:15; 5:2)**
  - H. Improper Love (Matt. 6:5, 23:5-7; I Tim. 6:10; I John 2:15-17)**
  - I. Church is Edified in Love (Eph. 4:15; Heb. 10:24)**
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### Notes and reminders:

Let us be praying for our Bible study classes and all efforts to learn more of God's word.

Also, continue prayers for those on our list, for those in authority, and for the free course of the gospel and obedient hearers.

*"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."  
1 John 5:14*

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## Meeting times of the church

Sunday:

09:00 am Bible classes

10:00 am Morning Worship

5:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday: 7:00 pm Bible classes

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Hebrew 10:23—25 "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as is the manner of some." But, exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."

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## Glad Tidings

Romans 10:15

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The Power  
of Love

*"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me: (John 14:23-24). Of all the forces in God's great and wonderful universe, love is the most powerful. Where physical force, the brutal sword, and the biting tongue have miserably failed, love steps in and works wonders. We observe love's power from three viewpoints....>>>*

## The Power of Love on Ourselves

**Every motion, good or bad, reacts upon us.** The man we hate suffers as a result of our hatred, but not to the degree that we suffer. The spirit of hatred and revenge hurts the one possessing such a spirit more than those who are the targets of such a spirit. Bitterness is but a cancer to a man's soul! On the other hand, the man we love is blessed as a result of our devotion, but not to the degree that we are blessed. We are forever reaping what we sow. *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Though our love may not touch and tender the hearts of our enemies, it is never in vain. It helps us! It makes us more Christ-like and fits us for a higher state of existence—it makes us sons of God. *"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust"* (Matt. 5:44-45).

## The Power of Love on Our Fellows

**Love's conquering power.** *"Therefore if thine enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him drink; for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his*

*(vs. 1) "Jesus, Rose of Sharon, bloom within my heart; Beauties of Thy truth and holiness impart, That where'er I go my life may shed abroad Fragrance of the knowledge of the love of God." (vs. 3) "Jesus, Rose of Sharon, bloom forevermore; Be Thy glory seen on earth from shore to shore, Till the nations own Thy sovereignty complete, Lay their honors down and worship at Thy feet." "Bloom in radiance and in love within my heart."*  
Ida A. Guirey

*head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good"* (Rom. 12:20-21). Where drastic, sarcastic methods fail—as they always fail—love wins. Solomon wrote, *"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger"* (Prov. 15:1). Love disarms the enemy, hushes the cynic, and puts to shame the enemy.

**Love's drawing power.** Jesus stated, *"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die"* (John 12: 432-33). In the gospel of Christ we see the great drawing power of love. While hatred repels, love draws people to ourselves, making them our friends, as nothing else will.

**Love's binding power.** It not only draws men unto us, but also binds them to us. Love is the cement which holds the member of Christ's body together. *"...that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love"* (Col. 2:2). The church is united only so long as the members love one another (Heb. 13:1).



Rose of Sharon

## The Power of Love on God

Love causes the great spiritual force in the universe to operate in our favor. Love reaches the very throne of the Almighty and moves it, bringing down blessings. The Father comes down and makes His abode with the man who loves him. *"If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him:* (John 14:23). This is love from man that exhibits itself in obeying or keeping the words of Christ. Love is also the element that refreshes the Divine memory. *"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister"* (Heb. 6:10). Finally, God makes all things work together for good to those who love him (Rom. 8:28). The promise is certainly to those who love the Lord.

May we never tire of loving and may we never question the power that love has. *"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and His commandments are not grievous"* (1 John 5:3).

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