

Daily Bible Thoughts May 23 to June 22, 2009

May 23, 2009

Matt 5:46-48 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

If you only greet your friends, what more do you do than others? Don't even the tax collectors do the same?

Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

What Jesus Christ was holding out to his disciple was something never done before by a man on earth that of loving others as one does a family member. Nothing within the fallen flesh could conceive such a thing as greeting and loving those that hate us. Yet, within the Spirit world the God of love was doing and had been doing just that.

Christ here was showing his disciple that they needed some thing more then human love, this type of love could not be performed in the flesh alone. Thus, his disciple and us have need of forgiveness. Humbly we admit; "Lord send us your Holy Spirit so we may love others as you love us."

May 24, 2009

Matt. 6:24 No man is able to be a servant to two masters: for he will have hate for the one and love for the other, or he will keep to one and have no respect for the other. You may not be servants of God and of wealth.

No man on earth can served Christ Jesus as a slave within his body and riches at the same time. No man really believes this in his heart, so we try with every form of human justification to have riches and God. But Christ stated that if you love money then you hate him! Love of God does not count the cost but gives into death. To become wealthy you must count the cost of all your dealings and who will be allowed to be your friends. God did not count the cost of His Son's blood against the human race; instead he bought us back making us His friends. No amount of money earned can pay God for this precious gift. And that is why Jesus said if you love money you hate him.

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Love of money blinds a person to the reality of suffering and creates an illusion that we are somehow specially blessed in God over the poor. Then our riches make us judge those without the ability to make the kind of money we do. This is hatred for what Christ Jesus died for.

May 25, 2009

Luke 7:47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little."

There can be no real love without forgiveness; Jesus stated a divine principle that cannot be broken if we have been forgiven little we love God little. Many have felt they need little forgiveness because they obey the rules or laws of church doctrine. They have little need of God's great forgiveness.

On the other hand, some of us have had so many sins in our lives that we find it impossible God could forgive someone like us. Upon receiving God's forgiveness they love God greatly.

Sadly those under law of men justify their actions through rules whereas those convicted by the Holy Spirit see their wretched condition in light of Jesus Christ perfection. This makes us deeply appreciative of God's mercy not for one day, but every day of our life on earth. Knowing there is nothing within us that can earn God's salvation, but His daily forgiveness.

May 26, 2009

James 4:6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." {Proverbs 3:34}

James' statement is the opposite of what our proud flesh says in not admitting our true condition. God says the greater the sin the greater the grace given to the humble. How can this not break the heart into humbleness in seeing our true condition without being able to change it through our self-will? And in God saying my grace is greater than your fallen flesh; I forgive you and I will continue to forgive you as long as your sinful flesh exists.

No greater love can there be, no person in the sinful flesh can forgive in this manner. How pitiful to trade the love of men and their teachings for the love of God and his endless grace. When we choose not to see as our God sees we lose so much in understanding the magnitude of His love for His earthly children.

May 27, 2009

Luke 11:42 But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, but you bypass justice and the love of God. You ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone.

Yes it is easy for our fallen flesh to see the wrongs of others such as the Pharisees. Thinking how could they have loved law more than God's mercy? Well many are the persons that work for a corporation, government, business or religion that make decisions daily based on the rules of the business rather than justice and God's love.

We are better served in asking how am I like a Pharisee? Our sinful flesh wants nothing more than to be better than some else. It picks examples and acts shocked at the appalling conduct of others. Instead we should say are we not all Pharisees at heart and under the right condition I too could have condemned Christ Jesus. In this manner we learn mercy for others knowing that we are not above any human conduct under the right circumstances. And we can thus humble ourselves in knowing God is creating in us a new person in Christ without sin.

May 28, 2009

John 5:38, 39 You don't have his word living in you; because you don't believe him whom he sent.

"You search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and these are they which testify about me.

Just because we read God's word does not mean we have the Word living in us. Searching the scriptures to find truth and yet not loving the truth is a dichotomy of having a religion.

John 5:42 But I know you, that you don't have God's love in yourselves.

Searching the scriptures with a mind-set of judging them according to doctrine of our religion leaves us in the same position as the Jew's leaders that loved the scriptures, but hated the truth in Jesus Christ.

May 29, 2009

John 8:42 Therefore Jesus said to them, "If God were your father, you would love me, for I came out and have come from God. For I haven't come of myself, but he sent me.

Do we love the true Jesus Christ? That seems like a strange question, but there is more the one Jesus Christ for all of us. The one that we know in our flesh and the one we know by the power of God's Holy Spirit.

John 8:15 You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one.

The Jesus we know according to the flesh is under law and we judge others by the same law. The one we know from the Spirit does not judge under law it set us free from law without condemnation of death. If you are struggling in judgments you are in the flesh and will find it hard to believe the words of Christ Jesus above that he judges no one.

May 30, 2009

John 13:34, 35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just like I have loved you; that you also love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Jesus did not give many commandments he had no need to because love for each other works no evil towards our brother or neighbors. The freedom Christ Jesus was commanding among his disciples through love the world would marvel at and long for.

The oppressive legal system ruling over God people when Jesus spoke these words only served to increase lawlessness, thus, taking love out of hearts the men. Everyone would know who his disciples were because Jesus sent them the Holy Spirit from his Father. By this super-natural power working in their lives as a new creation; love would be the dominate fruit of God Spirit controlling their lives.

2000 years later in our day the same power exists on earth in the hearts of God's Children love, not what we see in organized religion, but in the body of Christ. And when one come in contact with a member of that body the experience God work through them in a love that the world does not have.

May 31, 2009

John 14:15, 16 If you love me, keep my commandments.

Christ commandments were sum up by the aged Apostle John;

1 John 3:23 This is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he commanded.

Only two commandments Christ gave for us to obey, where have the churches gone wrong with hundreds of commandment in the name of Jesus Christ? Freedom stolen, brought under laws, rules, and doctrine. If we love Christ we will not bring others under law through unscriptural rules that Christ never placed on us. Instead we will speak truth setting people free through love.

June 1, 2009

John 15:19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

Many new Christian hear these words of Jesus and become fearful looking at everyone as an enemy. God did not hate the world He loved the world proving so by giving the world His Son's life.

If we are a Child of God born again by Holy Spirit the world will hate us.

That is, the Holy Spirit of God in us.

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And yet the Holy Spirit in us loves the world. New Christian in Christ must remember it is the Holy Spirit that flesh is against and at war with. But it is through God's love those hating us come to know God. We don't have to push Christ down their throats to incur hate. This is not the hate Jesus was talking about; the hate he was talking about is natural occurrence between God's Spirit and the fleshly spirit of the world. The only way we can deal with this type of hate is with God Spirit of love in us.

June 2, 2009

John 15:5 I am the vine. You are the branches. He who remains in me, and I in him, the same bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

How many Christian today believe Christ Jesus words above? Most Christian believes the fruit Jesus was talking about here is meeting attendance, bible education, and preaching. Thus, putting all responsibilities for bearing fruit on personal efforts. Without a degree from a bible college most feel inadequate in helping others in the Lord.

However, the fruits Jesus was talking about came from the Holy Spirit through the vine Jesus Christ. A part from him there is no fruit. No amount of personal effort in education, preaching, or church meeting attendance will produce the fruit Christ is talking as the true vine. A part from God's love through the vine; knowledge is meaningless and hurtful.

June 3, 2009

Rom.5:3-5 Not only this, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering works perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope: and hope doesn't disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Love never fails without love suffering producing nothing, but hopelessness and pain taking away from our character. But for us the Children of God, God pours out His love through His Holy Spirit richly into our hearts. Nothing on earth or in heaven can separate us from the love of God; our sufferings produce patience, character and form the personality of Christ in us. When can then rejoice in our sufferings for they are not without purpose

they are in fact proof we are Son's of God; loved by God and heirs of Kingdom of God.

June 4, 2009

Rom.12:9, 10 Let love be without deceit. Be haters of what is evil; keep your minds fixed on what is good.

Be kind to one another with a brother's love, putting others before yourselves in honour;

Love without deceits can you imagine? God's word tells us that our hearts are deceitful by nature: *Jer.17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?* Paul was not talking about this heart; this heart cannot produce love without deceit.

Paul is talking about a new heart a new personality created by God's Holy Spirit as a free gift to His children on earth. A heart circumcised from sinful fleshly desires that can produce love without deceit. So many of today's Christians do not understand the meat of God's word; becoming discourage when they can't produce love without deceit from their own will.

But take courage no human being on earth can unless they are born again and receive the free gift of God's Holy Spirit. And that is why my dear friend all of God's children are thankful for God's underserved kindness too them.

June 5, 2009

Rom. 13:8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

We are asked to do the impossible in a corrupt unforgiving world. So far out of this world to love your neighbor when most of us don't even know our neighbors. *Rom. 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not give false testimony," "You shall not covet,"{TR adds "You shall not give false testimony,"}{Exodus 20:13-15,17; Deuteronomy 5:17-19,21} and whatever other commandments there are, are all summed up in this saying, namely,*

"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."{Leviticus 19:18} Any body with a truthful heart searching for God's wisdom when reading these verses would fall too their knees and beg God for forgiveness and the power to fulfill loves law.

And yet most Christian judge who is worthy or who is unworthy of their love based on the very law Christ abolished through his death. We must come up to God's love and the Holy Spirit must come down too us if we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

June 6, 2009

Rom.15:30 Now I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

Have you ever thought about the love of the Spirit? Many take most of what the bible speaks regarding love as coming from them self. They find themselves frustrated always falling back into unloving actions towards others. Jesus said: Matt. 19:17a He said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but one, that is, God.

Most of us would like to be as good as Jesus Christ was on earth, but Jesus accepted no credit for his goodness. He knew what many Christians misunderstand today and that is love and goodness comes too us through the Holy Spirit.

When we understand this we stop trying to be perfect and give God all the credit for helping us in His love. Then we can produce the real fruits of God's Holy Spirit and glorify Him alone. We can leave off being hypocrites acting like we love; instead of God's love working through us.

June 7, 2009

1Cor.8:1 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

Nothing impresses the flesh more then knowledge, knowledge makes us proud and puffs us up; stroking our ego to impress others. It is sought after within religious circles for honor and praise of men.

Sadly it can be the undoing of us making one feels superior so that we believe we have the right to judge others.

And for this reason the Apostle Paul warned the knowledge increases judgments bring us under the Law Christ Jesus fulfilled. Death is knowledge if it is not founded in love. Without love knowledge is evil and appeals to our wick flesh.

June 8, 2009

1Cor.13:1 If I speak with the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

Have you ever been around some one that studied for years about a subject, but never actually did the thing studied about? Well, they are "know it alls" they love to argue every little nuance of the subject driving you crazy. By talking and arguing they some how convince themselves they've actually done it!

Well, my friends many Christian can tell you a bunch about love they are "know it alls", but their neighbors would disagree that they are loving. You see when we as Christians see ourselves as loving we are living a lie. We are not loving God is love and when God work through us by His Holy Spirit we can show love.

Christ never said that men are good or loving. He did say there is only one that is Good and one that is loving... do you know that one?

June 9, 2009

1Cor. 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but don't have love, I am nothing.

Most of us as Christian believe the ability to remove mountains by our faith is the ultimate expression of our Christianity. That type of faith is not proof that we are a Christian remember what many would say to the Lord in the last days. Matt.7:22 Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?'

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7:23 Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity.'

Powerful works, powerful faith does not mean we are known by Christ Jesus. No! It is the gift of love that proves we are his nothing else, -why? Even though, most of us don't think about it much it is the ability to love our enemies that proves we have God's Spirit in us, and Christ Jesus working through us. These are not just nice thoughts they are a fact a living proof that we are part of God Great Spiritual Temple on earth.

June 10, 2009

1Cor.13:3 If I dole out all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.

How important is love? So many Christians in today's world worry about giving 10 percent or more of their money to a church; believing God will withhold His blessings if they do not. Their giving becomes a law onto them judging the spirituality of those that don't give.

And yet without love the Apostle Paul was moved by Holy Spirit to state giving is of no profit at all. We must understand first is love and from love all other gifts flow correctly. Where love is, faith is perfect, where love is, giving is perfect, where love is, knowledge is perfect. Our sinful flesh gets everything backwards when it comes to the Holy Spirit.

We put what is the greatest last and the least first and this is why Christ said; "the flesh is of no uses at all."

June 11, 2009

1Cor.13:4 Love is patient and is kind; love doesn't envy. Love doesn't brag, is not proud,

Have you ever noticed when a person holds a certain religious point of view that it blinds their minds to hearing any other ideas? That is because they are so busy defending their doctrine that they can't listen. They fear words, those of the other persons, but also their own that they will compromise in their speech.

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There is no fear in love, words from men's hearts and minds cannot cause God not to love us, or for that matter for us not to love God. Doctrine requires that we defend a belief at the cost of hating others. Love requires us to be patient and kind, not fearful, which leads to bragging from a proud heart. If our doctrine is love God's Holy Spirit corrects any misunderstandings. However, if our doctrine is a law it will lead us and for those that listen too us into judgment and death.

June 12, 2009

1Cor.13:5 (love) doesn't behave itself inappropriately, doesn't seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil;

Our flesh does just the opposite in it does seek its own interests and it does become provoked when our interests are not met. And to top it all off it does take account of the evil that is done to us.

Many Christians read these famous words of the Apostle Paul and pay little or no attention to them. They are justified in going to meetings and obeying rules and doctrine of their faith. At times they do something for others and believe this is the type of love Paul was referring to, it is not!

The Apostle Paul was speaking of a love given him through God's Holy Spirit. Paul had been in charge (as Saul) in killing Jesus Christ followers. So he knew the precious gift of God's love was beyond his human flesh and above all he never give credit to himself for God's gift of love.

June 13, 2009

1Cor.13:6 doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

The key to understanding God and Christ Jesus is love. Love unlocks the mystery of God and such a great mystery it is. We are created in God's image so love is part to the human experience, but since Adam sin our love has never been perfect. God is love, and His love is perfect we long for perfect love, but it cannot be found upon earth.

We human have fallen into an inferior love that is defined by hurt. our efforts to love is measure in past experience, these experiences requires laws to protect us from emotional injury. We then elevated rules above love to define who we will love.

God does not limit His love to hurt, He alone believes all things and hopes all things and endures all things. With Him we can find perfect love that has been lost in emotional pain. And with Him our love is safe free from the disappointments of human failures.

June 14, 2009

1Cor.13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with.

Love never fails! So many in this life would disagree with these inspired words of the Apostle Paul and from their point of view they are correct. Love does fails when it comes from the sinful flesh. Flesh defines love in conditions, that is, if this condition is meant; I will love you.

The Apostle Paul is not talking about our love in the sinful flesh; he is here talking about God's love and what our love should be like. When we see the perfection of God's love too us we also see how far we fail short of expressing God's love to others.

This should move us in a positive way, that is, God perfect love, loves us in our sinful fallen state. We then should be moved to compassion for those that sin against us as we sin against God daily.

June 15, 2009

1Cor.13:13 But now faith, hope, and love remain--these three. The greatest of these is love.

The apex's a Christian can obtain too is love. Our hope and faith must be produced from love; if they are from God's love they cannot fail us in times of trials.

Many are the person that put all their faith into a teaching of a group to fail and fall into much pain and sin.

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Many are the person that put all their hope in a greater teacher and find themselves hopeless.

And many are the religious groups that take knowledge, faith, and hope, elevating it over God's love. We as Christian have but one place to send those we teach and that is to Christ Jesus; he is God's love too us.

All those building on this rock-mass of Jesus Christ will not come to disappointment. Any thing less is a thief that will be washed away and the collapse will be great!

June 16, 2009

2Cor.2:7 so that on the contrary you should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his excessive sorrow.

2:8 Therefore I beg you to confirm your love toward him.

2:9 For to this end I also wrote, that I might know the proof of you, whether you are obedient in all things.

God comforts us although we live in our sinful flesh. He also forgives us daily for our sin against Him and above all He never stops loving us. Is it not human nature to see the faults of others as greater than are own? Rightly so the Apostle Paul and the congregation reproofed this brother. God's Holy Spirit directed them to do so.

God wanted His child to understand that he could not practice sin without causing harm to the body of Christ Jesus. God did not want His son destroyed by the reproof. God does not hate his children; he hates the sin of the flesh. This congregation wanted more they were delighting in the punishment. They had lost sight of the great price paid for their brother in Christ Jesus.

They had taken the headship from Christ Jesus and His Father deciding who should be placed in the body of Christ. More than this, if they continued in their harshness towards their brother they were sinning against God Holy Spirit. They had forgotten it was God's love that forgave them their sins, not works of law, which condemned them too death.

June 17, 2009

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2Cor.5:14 For it is the love of Christ which is moving us; because we are of the opinion that if one was put to death for all, then all have undergone death;

There is nothing more compelling than love, when we love someone more than ourself there is no limit to what we will do to please that someone. In other words, there are no rules that prevent us in our thoughts or actions in pleasing that person.

Our love moves us in wanting to find ways to please the person. Without limits we have wonderful feelings and thoughts of the person we love. Those of us in love with Christ Jesus have such great freedom in love, for we know he was put to death to end the law that requires us to worship out of obligation.

This law condemned us to death, but because we undergo death in Christ Jesus, that is, we too are free from the obligations of the law to live in Christ Jesus in love. How wonderfully compelling this is in our thoughts and actions in wanting to please our God.

June 18, 2009

2Cor.6:6 In pureness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love,

Sincere love, which is, the opposite of hypocrisy, is the love of God's Holy Spirit; it is pure in knowledge, patience and kindness. We as humans can barely muster enough love to keep our families together in a world lacking love.

God's love is a precious gift that comes down to us from a Father that never changes in His love for us. He is not a hypocrite, which is, acting as though he loves us, while waiting to punish us with evil. So we have the positive hope that if we call out to our God with a sincere heart He will send us His sincere love. With this powerful friend dwelling in our hearts we actually can muster the superhuman strength to keep our families together and show love for our neighbors and friends.

June 19, 2009

Ps. 116:1 I love Yahweh, because he listens to my voice, and my cries for mercy.

116:2 Because he has turned his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

116:3 The cords of death surrounded me, the pains of Sheol got a hold of me. I found trouble and sorrow.

Can you imagine having the creator of all the universe listening to your voice? What type of a God must He be to listen to the voice of some one that no one in the whole world cares about? Not only does he listen to our voice but He acts upon our request.

In a world of impatience where no one listen to the lowly or the elderly how wonderful to know that the King of the universe love us enough to listen. Where else can we go? Who else can we place our trust in? Yes, we do love our God because he listens to our cries for help. Can we not be thankful as the love of the greater numbers cool off the love of our God increase and warms our hearts?

June 20, 2009

1Pet. 4:8 And above all things be earnest in your love among yourselves, for love covers a multitude of sins.

The glory of love how it over looks the weakness of a person we love. Love looks at the whole person and sees the person life in relationship; not to a single event, but the whole scope of time shared and gifts given. It is when we focus on a single event and demand justice for a mistake that sins abounds more.

Love covers a multitude of sins, but a lack of love brings every imperfection of the person to light. God chose love by sending His Son to us to take away a multitude of sins. God choosing love lets Him see the whole of our life not in one single event that demands His justice. We humans have much too learn from the God of love, less we be judged for judging other without love.

June 21, 2009

1John 2:5 But whoever keeps his word, God's love has most certainly been perfected in him. This is how we know that we are in him:

Man has compound God's word to the point that it has become a heavy burden of rules. So when reading the Apostle John's word love is not what they think about, but obeying more rules that restrict their lives. And yet when we love some one as humans we do just the opposite.

We are told that God is love not rules and doctrine; nor are we told that obeying more rules and doctrine brings us closer to God. However, we are told that by our love for each other is proof that we are Christ Jesus disciples.

The Word of God is Christ Jesus not rules and doctrine and when we keep him in our hearts we are perfect in God's love. And that is how we know we are in him.

June 22, 2009

1Cor.2:9 But as it is written, "Things which an eye didn't see, and an ear didn't hear, which didn't enter into the heart of man, these God has prepared for those who love him."{Isaiah 64:4}

When we love someone with our whole heart gifts abound in unexpected ways. When a good thought about that person comes up into our heart we may surprise them with some thing special, there is no limit to endless good things we will think up to do for the person we love.

God is love, and He has prepared so many good things for us that our hearts cannot conceive of them. God's love is not limited to a doctrine of a church that says God can only love you in this way, which is just not possible for us let alone for the God of love. Looking at the variety of beauty within His creations it is most believable that God has end endless supply of gifts prepared for those of us that love Him.

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