



Topic: Twisted Love

Bible Text: Hebrews 13:1

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Our father we thank you for today, we thank you for your love and surpassing greatness, we thank you for your grace upon us, glory be to your holy name in Jesus name, as we start, we pray you start with us in Jesus name. In Jesus mighty name I have prayed.

I welcome you all to tonight's Bible study in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Tonight's study is a very significant one, because of what is happening in the body of Christ currently, which needs to be well addressed for it not to cause further harm, topic is Twisted love.

First of all, I believe that we all know what love is, in fact it is very common all over the world, it is no longer a strange word among believers and disbeliever alike. "I love you" is a word even used by those who do not understand what love is.

Love according to the dictionary is : to feel great affection for (someone) : to feel love for (someone) While Twisted on the other hand means : an unexpected turn or development.

With the above definition one can easily posit that what we would be talking about tonight is : an unexpected turn or development in show affection to people. Although our focus for tonight would be showing of love among brethren. Please let's turn our bibles with me to the book of

Hebrews 13:1

Let love of your fellow believers continue.

By carefully looking into our Bible text, one can easily see that to show love amongst believers is a continuous thing to do, you cannot say that because you loved him/her yesterday then you would not love them today or today. To love one another is a command from God that proves we are children of God. There is no child of God who really bears the fruits of the Spirit in him/her that would allow hate in their lives.

Love is a glaring attribute of God, that is why the scriptures records that God is love. And since it is written that those who are for Christ should put on Christ, this means that in as much as you are putting on Christ, the fruits of Christ should be seen in you.

The scriptures says that we should love everyone, even the ten commandments given to Moses in the old Testament was split into two in the new testament which is Love for God and Love for one another. So the question we have to ask ourselves as believers is not 'am I suppose to love?' But how should I love?" For certainly, it is compulsory to love even your enemies.

Let's be aware that it is only the heart that is filled with love that can love, you cannot give what you do not have. Please do not forget our Bible text, these explanations are necessary for us to really understand what we are talking about tonight. There are different kinds of love in the bible.

Phileo - which is brotherly love

Agape - sacrificial love

And there is storge which can graduate into Eros kind of love. But our concern for tonight is the phileo kind of love, which refers to brotherly love.

There is a major problem going on in the body of Christ which is the twist in love interpretation, which has caused more havoc than good. If you followed or have read through one of our teachings on this forum **The Missing Foundation Part One and Two** you would observe that there are a lot of things happening in this 21st century churches which did not happen when the foundational churches began. Some of these were alighted.

The misinterpretation of love is just too common among believers these days most especially among the youths and this should be an eye opener to correcting these errors, for those who wish to hear.

Please are you following

Hebrews 13:1 "**Let brotherly love continue.**" we as believers are to love with brotherly love but a lot of people have removed brotherly from their own love. Phileo kind of love means a love between male and female brethren which has no form of extra feelings,

meaning that the love displayed by and to one another should be one that is between siblings. But what do we have today? Reverse is the case.

Romans 12:10. **Be devoted to one another with [authentic] brotherly affection [as members of one family], give preference to one another in honor;**

This posits that we are members of one family in as much as we have been saved. A brother in the church is like your blood brother, a sister in the church is like your blood sister, we are all related by the blood that joins us together and makes us one which is the blood of Jesus Christ. In expressing brotherly love, we have to be well guided that is we must have no form of undue/unhealthy feelings towards the opposite sex. Many people have missed it in this aspect and many are still missing it by mistakingly placing brotherly/sisterly love with careless words and attitudes toward the opposite sex.

A lot of things are happening in this generation which are fundamentally wrong and ungodly but because of the high rate of civilization we tend to wave these things we call little off which has then brought serious moral and spiritual decadence amidst us. And many do not still see anything wrong about these careless way of life, why should a brother be calling a christian sister darling, honey, sweetheart, sugar, baby inside and outside the church, two grown ups for that matter, and they both would be laughing saying it doesn't matter.

This is also applicable to the sisters, you go to a brother whom you call a brother with nothing attached and begin to call him pet names using a kind of edited voice to call these names making it sound sensual, and you continue in it saying it does not matter. Showing brotherly love does not entail you passing boundary therefore bringing unhealthiness into your show of love.

One of the problems among believers is not that they find it hard to show love but its just that they have gone beyond the level that can be termed as brotherly love but which is already graduating into the eros kind of love without their notice.

It has been seen that it is what the apostles and brethren of the early church are afraid of dabbling into that we the church of this generation are swimming in which is part of what has brought us to this level of spiritual lukewarmness.

Acts 15:23. With them they sent the following letter: "The apostles and the brothers who are the elders, **to the brothers and sisters who are from the Gentiles in Antioch** , Syria, and Cilicia, Greetings.

Please take note, brethren in the early churches they even addressed each other as brothers and sisters not sweethearts, love, baby and the likes, but we always prove to know better than them whereas we know nothing. May God have mercy on us. Listen to me tonight, if you are among those who are in this category of believers, you have to stop it right away, as you can see it by yourself that you are going against what the scriptures says.

A lot of these things has led many into unhealthy affections, it has passed the wrong messages to the innocent brothers and sisters in the body of Christ, why should you use pet names for someone you do not have in mind to marry, even if you have it in mind why use it when you are not in courtship. It can be deceptive and confusing. We have heard of sisters who fainted when they heard/saw the wedding invitation card of some brothers, just because of how these brothers have been showering them with undue care, attention and sweet words which has made them build a very big castle in the air not until the IV came as a shock. They have always misinterpreted the words and actions of these brothers to mean feelings for them and they have been waiting for his proposal, thereby ignoring potential suitors just because of this brother, whereas the said brother is engaged to someone else.

That is just the same way it is with many brothers who got emotionally broken due to a sister who has been doing same to them who got married. All these things are not brotherly love that the bible talks about they only create undue feelings for one another, these sweet words and attitudes are attacks to the mind and to the way of reasoning. As Christians we do not have to copy how the world are doing things, these things we count as nothing has landed many sisters on the bed of single brothers thinking that he loves them meanwhile it is not so. If we follow the bible guidelines in relating with the opposite sex we might be saving a sister from unnecessary heartache, a brother might be saved from it too.

Showing brotherly love is beyond calling each other pet names, its showing concern for every believer equally be it a brother or a sister, making such person's problem ours. Not by passing physical, moral, emotional, sexual and spiritual boundaries. Treating them with respect and preferring them before yourself, if you love someone with a pure love you would try all your best so that the person would not be emotionally broken through how you relate with them.

If you respect someone you'd not be touching the person anyhow, why should you as a brother begin to touch a sister carelessly saying it doesn't matter?, why should you as a sister allow a brother to touch you sensitively, what is wrong with you, don't you see that you have problem like that? You keep on laughing saying it does not matter I pity your destiny. You better wake up from your slumber and face reality, there is not a show of brotherly love in that, be wise, don't be among the foolish virgins.

Please tell me, is it a must that you should hug a sister or a brother?, the both of you now hug each other tight chest to chest like for two minutes saying you are showing brotherly love, kai!!!! I cry for you, which yeye love is that? The love that would make you start thinking about him/her when you are alone, that can also lead to lust and masturbation.

Hmmm, I can remember several years ago during December 31/ January 1st crossover night service, that as we shouted happy new year, people started hugging each other in the church as a custom, but a particular sister came to hug me and you won't believe

that I did not get myself for days I kept on wondering what was happening to me. If not for God. Assuming it were to be someone else maybe something would have been happening between the both of them by now. There is no point in you hugging a sister and if you must hug because of it necessity, short side hugs are enough. Don't put yourself and others in trouble.

If you respect yourself, you'd shun anybody who wants to drag you into immorality no matter the person's status or rank. In short if a person is pestering you to commit sin with him/her and the person is of higher level than you, the best thing is to expose the person if he/she refuses to take warnings.

Don't let Mrs Potiphar finish your destiny on the altar of immorality. Some even go to the extent of quoting the scriptures to suit their fleshly desires by quoting the scriptures that says that we should greet one another with a holy kiss. And they have been able to deceive a lot of gullible brothers/sisters around them. What Holy kiss are you giving that brother/sister behind closed doors?, what is holy in that kiss that must be done in the dark, that mouth to mouth kiss that makes you both exchange saliva for minutes, please tell me what is Holy in it.

The kiss that has aroused the both of you which has led you to start touching each other's sensitive parts what is Holy in it? It is unfortunate that the word "Holy" has been removed from that verse and what we have left is unholiness. If you are in this category, it is time to stop.

Many people do not love their brethren, that is why they do not care about the other person, all they are concerned about is themselves. Asking questions like "how do I feel" , "what do I want" everything is I,I,I... How should I dress, they would not ask the question of "if" , if I dress this way how would the opposite sex feel, will they fall into sin through me? If I talk this way, will it not cause undue affection and signals to the opposite sex?

Because of our time, I would round up with this words, do to fellow brethren what you know that Christ can do to them, that is how to show brotherly love, please be guided.

If you have any question, you can ask now

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