

The Essence of Xty - Mt. 22:36-40

WHAT IS CHRISTIAN LOVE? I Cor. 13

Love is the fairest flower that grows in the garden of God.

1. Patience... "Love suffereth long." - Jesus is the love passive impersonation of love
2. Kindness... "And is kind" - Kindness: KIN, related love active
3. Generosity... "Love envieth not." - has no jealousy of others
no ill will to those in same line as ourselves.
4. Humility... "Love vaunteth not itself, - has no conceit
is not puffed up." vanity. bragadocio using glory
5. Courtesy... "Doth not behave itself unseemly." is not rude; will not hurt, offend, or wound others
politeness - a gentleman
6. Unselfishness... "Seeketh not her own." - there is no happiness in having + getting, but only in giving
7. Good Temper... "Is not easily provoked" - irritation
exasperation, angry passion - the Elder Brother + me + my! I drink in a week!
8. Guilelessness... "Thinketh no evil" - makes no malignant recollection of wrongs or suspicions
9. Sincerity.... "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth."
does not say, "they are getting what they deserved because of their treatment of me"

Conclusion: How can we have this supreme gift? The only way to have it is to have Him in entire sanctification, through death to self and union of the soul with God in the fullness of the Holy Ghost.
"We love, because He first loved us."
- Not to love is to break the greatest Commandment and thus to commit the greatest sin.

Mercy is love sparing the guilty;
Kindness - love blessing the needy;
Pity - love sympathizing with the sufferer;
Justice - love rendering to all their due;
Benevolence - love distributing its bounty;
Fortitude - love sustaining its burdens;
Penitence - love bewailing its sinfulness;
Fidelity - love performing its promises;
Faith - is love confiding
Zeal - love contending
Peace - love reposing
Joy - love exalting
Hope - love expecting
Patience - love enduring
Meekness - love forbearing
All Christian work is love bringing its
best sacrifice to the altar of love eternal,
and laying its richest treasures
at the nail-pierced feet.