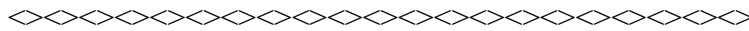


Deadly Conversation

By Larry Pasley

One day I felt the need to see a doctor. After checking me over, he asked to see my wife, Betty, in the next room. My ear happened to be next to the wall, so I heard some of the conversation. The doctor told Betty I needed a change of pace to insure that I would continue to live. He told her to have me quit work and never let me do any chores around the house -- to do everything possible for me and keep me comfortable and happy and to do everything he asked me to do. Naturally, on the way home I asked Betty what the doctor had said -- her reply, "You're going to die."



Sometimes we are unwilling to do for others what they need most.

We are limited in our language for "love." We say we love ice cream, we love our dog, we love our spouse, we love God, etc. Surely, we don't have the same feelings for each of those.

The Greek was not so limited. It had four different words for "love." One of those words was Agapao. That word carries with it the idea of seeking the highest good for the one loved. We refer to this sometimes as Godly love because God's love seeks what is best for us.

The scriptures tell us that as Christians, this is the kind of love we need to have for others. It is that word that is used when we are told to love our brethren, our fellow Christians. 1 Peter 1:22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

It is agapao that is used when we are told to love God and our neighbor. Mark 12:29-31 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 30 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

It is agapao that is used when we are told to love our enemies. Luke 6:35-36 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. 36 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

It is that kind of love that makes Christianity so radically different from many religions. We don't take vengeance on our enemies, we turn them into friends by loving them with a Godly love that is concerned about what is best for them. We want them to be saved also.

May we always strive to be lovingly concerned about the well-being of all those around us, even our enemies.

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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

256—God Is Love

Opening Prayer

Tom

Hymn:

112—Angry Words

Scripture Reading:

Ryan

Mark 12:28-34

Hymn:

300—Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?

Lord's Supper:

Myron & Ron

Hymn:

277—I Love to Tell The Story

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

623—Why Do you Wait

Closing Hymn:

656—Blest Be The Tie

Closing Prayer:

Larry

PRAYER LIST

- *Pat is in rehab for her back pain.
- *Amy's surgery went well last Thursday.
- *Connor surgery went well.
- *Juanita's sister Betty is doing better.
- *Mary and her family.
- *Nina's brother, James.
- *Robert and Sara
- *Pat and Ron.
- *Juanita and her family.
- *Larry and Ruth
- *Dale, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family. His friend Zarna and her family.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our Nation

CALENDAR

- Nov. 17—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Nov. 17—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Nov. 19—b. Connor
- Nov. 19—b. Dillon
- Nov. 20—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- Nov. 22—b. Ray S.
- Nov. 24—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Nov. 24—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Nov. 25—a. Larry & Ruth
- Nov. 27—Bible Study 7 pm
Rob
- Nov. 28—Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1—Bible Study 10 am
Mark

Answer to Puzzle: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Which Is the First Commandment of All?

Scripture Reference: Mark 12:28-34

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HAVING	HEARD	HEART	ISRAEL
JESUS	KINGDOM	NEIGHBOR	OFFERINGS
ONESELF	OTHER	PERCEIVING	QUESTION
REASONING	SACRIFICES	SCRIBE	SECOND
SHALL	SPOKEN	STRENGTH	TEACHER
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Hidden Message: _____

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**Life is like a ten-speed bicycle.
 Most of us have gears we never use.**

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