

"What the World Needs

Now is Love"
(Read Luke 6:27)

1/2/94 Am.

I want to lay a challenge on
Our hearts this very first
Sunday of 1994 // And Believed

it can only happen if our
love for the Lord & for each
other is that kind of Love
we find in 1 Corinthians

Chapter 13 - Would you please
know there (Cor. Chapter 13) //
~~Prayer~~

Some years back a song writer
revised these words, "What the
World Needs Now is Love, Love
Love" And that's true // But

it must be the right kind
of Love - // The kind of love
Jesus spoke of when He
said "Love One Another
even as I have loved you"
(John 15:12)

And the kind of love Jesus
alluded to when He ASKED
Peter, "Lovest thou me" The 3rd time

you see Beloved This kind
of love makes us very considerate
of each other // More concerned
for each other / Because it's
a love that compares to the
love God had for us -

It's also the kind of love that
is characteristic of One who
can truly be called Christian //

Let's Read 1 Cor. 13 And As we
do use the word love, where the
word charity is found (Do So)

← Read it

I believe with all my heart
that **AS SAVED** Folks / This kind of
love should manifest itself
in our daily living. //

FOR you see

Without this kind of love
As the Stimulus for Christian
living / we'll never "Love
Others As We Love Ourselves"

2/ And We'd Not Commit
ourselves to "Feeding God's Sheep"
As We are Commanded //

Let me Ask that We look Very
Carefully at 1 Cor. 13 this
Morning // Asking God to Give
~~us~~ His message to us personally //

Verses 1 thru 3 Remind us that
"Gifts" have a purpose // that
they are important // However,
without love, they have
No Real Value // We are
Reminded by Paul that "Gifts" /
No matter how Great they are /
have No Real effectiveness
Unless Love Motivate the
Right exercise of them //

Then
Verse 4 thru 7 Give us No
less than 15 principles that
distinguish the kind of love
God expects from Believers

Notice Verse 4 / Here are two terms that must be met before the others can.

#1 "Love Suffereth Long" //

Look the word "Suffereth" up
And you'll find that it speaks of
"Patience" / And James 1:4 reminds
us that "Patience perfects
Christian character" //

Someone has paraphrased Hebrews
2 Thessalonians 3:5 to read
like this: "Lord, teach us /
And enable us to love as
God loves / And to be patient
as Jesus is patient" //

Oh Lister / Praying that
kind of prayer and meaning
it is the first step we
must take if we are to
accept & wear all the challenge
I believe God would have us
accept today —

3/ The Second Term Paul speaks
of, that we must consider
in the word "Kind" // "Love is
Kind" //

Look that word up and
you'll find that it goes far
beyond being nice to someone //
or being courteous to someone

The word "Kind" as used here
means gentle & tender / as
well as courteous and
considerate — //

oh listen dear hearts "The Person
who loves / or God's word says
we cry to love / will be all
that // but I'm convinced
that they will be more!

And that's what the world
needs to see in you and me //

This is what families need / and
what churches need today!

I'm also convinced that "looney
others, as Christ loved us
will show us that the
other 13 things Paul mentions
must be attended to also //

"Envy" must be dealt with // This
love does not allow us
to be envious of others / Jealous
of others //

Let me tell you about this word
"Envy" = // It is caused by
uneasiness / discontent with
what you have // And jealousy
is nothing more than insecurity //
uncertainty //

"Vaunting Oneself" suggests "a
boaster or a braggart" //

And the kind of love Paul speaks
of will correct this // This kind
of love doesn't brag of achievements //
It does not boast of talents //

4/ Hence Why: "The Person who Truly
Loves God As they should will
Receive these abilities as a
Gift of God, And (God) will Get
The Glory — Amen —

lets

Read on: "This love is not
"Puffed up" And that means
Inflated with pride ~~with~~ vanity
And Self-esteem / have won't
let it happen —

"This love
Doth not behave itself Unseemingly /
"Does not Act improperly / But
Rather has God manners And
Does not become Selfish
Advantage —

Oh listen / We need to Consider
this Very Carefully / What a
Change would come about, if
"Under the influence of the Kingdom
of Love God expects us to Show"
We would be Decent in all our
Dealings with each other —

But Paul doesn't stop there // What
Should we do // He goes on to
mention ^{other} things that will not
manifest themselves in our
lives if John Godly love motivate
us to it should —

Things like "Must have our way
in all things" // "Like looking
for an AXE to grind" // Walking
around with a chip on our
shoulder // Looking for reasons
to complain — Saying unkind things
Gossiping about people //

"Thinking No Evil" // On and on //
Oh listen, we could spend
hour & hour on each
of the Negative things
mentioned here — but lets
move to the positive —

Things like "Love beareth all
things" // "Believeth all things" //
"Hopeth all things" // "Endureth all things"

5/ Paul is saying "This Love has
No End to its Endurance" "No
End to its Justice" "No fading
of its hope" "A Lasting
Anything" In fact, when
all else fails, this Love
will remain standing

Oh listen beloved, the world
really does need Love" But
it needs the right kind of Love

Not the Ecstic Love many
think of when Love is mentioned
but the kind of Love that
says "I Love you because
God has taught me how to
Love" "I Love you because
Jesus gave me the example
for true Love" "I Love
you because Love can
bring about the change in
your life that it brought
me mine"

There are many people today
"Looking through a Glass
Darkly" / Not understanding what
they see after hearing what
we say //

They hear "Church folks" say
"I Love You" But never see
proof of it //

They hear "Church people" say
"We really care" But never
see proof of it //

We have ("Too often") become
"Sounding Brass & Drinking
Symbols" causing people to question //

Could it be that churches are
not growing because love does
not abound" // because others
hear us say things outside
the church contrary to what
they hear us say inside the
church //

6/ I spoke earlier about a challenge - And here it is -

I Challenge You As I also challenge myself to refrain from saying "Anything about someone, we would not say to their face"

This includes "in the Home" //
"in school / on the job and //
in the church - (Pray for them instead)

I challenge us to say only good things about Mom and Dad / Son or daughter // about each other / about the church // about your teacher or your doctor -

And I challenge us to read 1 Cor. 13 Over & over so we will know that God's kind of love in our lives is a must - I also challenge us not to compromise on the word

Nerve's something else I challenge
Us to Refrain From Doing,

That's Doing a messenger
Buy or Gail for someone

else // Let them bear their
own message // I personally hate
to hear, Someone said thus and
so // here's why, Very often the
someone is the person delivering
the message" but doesn't have nerve
to say so //

The Challenge is "Say something Positive"
Prompted By God's kind of
Love or Don't say anything //

All Negative things do is Hurt & Disorder //

Let's begin it today's And Let's
see what happens — // Let's let love work.

I believe the home will be
much sweeter // I believe
our relations with each other
will be sweeter // I believe
the church will grow As God
intended it to grow — //

7/ People Outside The Church Will
Not Be Confused By What They
Hear Said & See Done - //

Last People Will Believe That
We have something they need
because they will know we
Love them because we Love the
Lord - //

Jesus Said: ~~is~~ "This is my
Commandment, that ye love
one another" As I have loved
you" // He also said:
"Ye are my friends if
ye do whatsoever I
Command you" John 15:12 & 14

would you bow your head and
close your eyes - // And let
me ask, Dear loved person
will you accept the challenge?

Will you excuse the kind
of love Jesus had for you
in your relations with others?

Will you love others even as
Jesus loved you? Will you
agree to let the love flow from
you to others? **If so tell
God about it.** You don't need
to tell me unless you choose to
because the evidence will present
itself. **Jesus said "by this" meaning
the evidence will present itself**

Dear Lost Person, If you know how
much Jesus loved you, you'd not
refuse to accept Him as Savior.
**You see, He loved you enough
to die, so you could live.**

He loved you enough to take your
sins on His very own making
it possible for you to become
acceptable to God. **Would you**

accept Jesus as Savior? Will
you believe what Jesus told you?
**Will you ask Jesus to save
you from now?**

If you will I
If you do, come share the good
news with me, so I can share
it with those whom I pray for you

Do you feel God leading you
to join this work here? (And
you know it's this work because
of all this done in 9 years) If
you feel His leading, you need
to come now -

Beloved, I'm convinced that God
would have each of us accept
the challenge we've issued -

I'm convinced it will make
the fellowship here sweeter
than ever before / I believe
it will draw people to the church.

But remembering ^{God's} love / God's kind
of love will make it happen.

As parents, we ~~will~~ ^{must} still correct
& chastise / as teachers, we'll still
teach the word / As pastor, I will
still exhort And God's love & word
determine how we do it.

Let's pray -