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Love Pt 3 love truth, instruction, and not the world

This is our third study on the word “love” in the scriptures. Last week we established three points– (i) we are to love the Lord our God, (ii) there is a commandment that we love our neighbour, our brethren and our enemies, (iii) The love for our God and the brethren is with all our heart.

This week we establish an additional three points– (i) love the truth, (ii) love instruction and knowledge, and (iii) love **not** the things of the world.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our points–

1. We are to love the truth

“Thus saith the Lord of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth...and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace” (Zech.8: 19).

2. We are to love instruction and knowledge

“Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge...” (Prov.12: 1).

3. Do **not** love the things of this world

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him’ (1 Jn.2: 15).

If we love this life we shall lose it– Jn.12: 25– “He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal”.

Illustration

As world governments accept more evil as good, and introduce more laws that restrict the people’s rights to speak truth, and seek to manipulate and control their people through fear, we know that we are nearing the time when the Lord will rapture His church, and we will ever be with the Lord!

Question of the scriptures

How do we prepare for Christ’s return for this church, and do so with love?

Answers from the scriptures

* Love Christ’s appearing– 2 Tim.4: 8– “Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord...shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”.

* Have perfect love– knowing that love casts out fear

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love” (1 Jn.4: 18).

* Put on the breastplate of faith and love– 1 Thes.5: 8– “But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love...”

* Love mercy– Mic.6: 8– “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy...?”

When you love truth, you will be motivated by your heart to seek, search and defend it. When you love instruction you will, with all your heart, listen to those who give instruction from truth. And when you love NOT the world you will have less opportunities to covet the lusts of the world and deviate from truth. Love truth!