

You Cannot Give That Which You Don't Have.

A while ago I coined the phrase above as well as "the God You Love, is the Love You Give".

Have you ever tried to give away your neighbour's sport car to someone? Have you ever written a cheque for a million dollars to a stranger?

Have you ever tried to love your worst enemy but couldn't? Why could all these things not be accomplished? Well because the car was not yours to give; you did not have a million dollars in your bank account to write the cheque and you truly hate your enemy.

None of these thing can be given because you don't have them to give. You can't give that which you don't have. Unless you first buy the car you can't give it away. Unless you suddenly acquire a million bucks, you can't give it away. But you can do something about loving your enemy, but only if you have love in you to do so.

We know Scripture tells us that God is love. We also know that Jesus was God manifest in the flesh. We also know that the Bible says that as He is, so are we in this world. So if we are the body of Christ then we should also be as Jesus is, which is love. That is who we are to show to the world. So why do we not show that love? Because the God you love is the love you give.

If the God you love is one of judgment, vengeance, etc., then that is what you will show to others. If you believe in a God that will send you to everlasting punishment for just one mistake in your whole life, you will judge everyone in the same fashion. That is the love you will give to others. You will see people as your enemies instead of as your brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus didn't just die for you. He died for everyone including those you believe are your enemies. Jesus told us to love our enemies. Why? Because you were once the enemy of Christ too, but by the grace of God you are a part of the body of Christ. That grace has also been given to all those around you and they will come to receive that at some point in their lives, each in his own order, Paul tells us.

God loves you unconditionally and that is the love we are to give to others. It is love that passes all understanding but it is also love that never fails.

So you may never be able to give away a sport car or a million dollars to someone but you can give the love of Christ to everyone. The question is what kind of love will you give?

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