

Catch the Vision!

#1 in this Series

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Our Vision Statement here at CLC is:

"Loving God, loving people.....to be all God intended!"

What is the end product of our vision statement?

_____ ***being all God intended!"***

Being all _____ intended!

In Jer. 29:11 – ESV – God says, ***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord...."***

Phil 2:13 – NKJ – ***"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."***

Romans 8:29 – NKJ - ***"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."***

2 Tim. 1:9 – NKJ – Paul writes that God
"...has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace...."

Revelation 4:11 says, (and we sing it).... ***"for thou hast created...hast all things created, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Thou art worthy O Lord."***
To _____ all God intended!

God's emphasis is on _____, NOT just _____.

Romans 12:30 – CEV – ***"God planned for them to be like his Son; and those he planned to be like his Son, he also called; and those he called, he also made right with him (justified); and those he made right, he also glorified."***

You are _____ CARRIERS!

Romans 8:29 – NKJ - ***"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."***

Matthew 22:36-39- CEV – Jesus disciples ask,
"Teacher, what is the most important commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ ***Jesus answered: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind.*** ³⁸ ***This is the first and most important commandment.*** ³⁹ ***The second most important commandment is like this one. And it is, "Love others as much as you love yourself."***

Whether it is loving yourself, or loving others or loving God, the love that Matthew 22 is speaking of is NOT natural love that comes from my personality, but it is _____ love, the kind that comes only from God.

Agape is the love described in John 3:16 – **“For God so loved the world.....”**
Agape love is _____ love.

Agape love is love by _____ and by an act of the will.

Agape love always considers the highest good of another person, no matter what he does.

Agape love is a self-giving love that _____ asks anything in return.

Agape love does not need chemistry or feelings.

One of the greatest indicators that you or I are growing in our relationship with our God is our ability and our willingness to _____ others with God’s agape love.

We are _____ “being” more like God than when we are loving others with agape love.

Sin did NOT make Jesus come to earth. He came because of _____.

Love is a spiritual _____. (See Gal. 5:22).

If the basis for our love and source of our love is your own personality, it will burn out. It will FALL _____.

Agape love goes _____ beyond our human love based on our personality.

You can’t measure agape love. It has no limit. It is _____.

1 John 4:7-12 – NLT - **“Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. ⁸ But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.”**

It isn’t that agape love defines or shows us God, but instead it is God who defines and shows us _____ love.

If you want to see REAL LOVE.....you need to look at God.