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John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

So stop all of this self effort to grow, but instead, in your God-given faith, concentrate on the scripture that you abide in the vine! He will prune you, tend you and water you. See? You can't. You're just a branch, not the Vine or the Husbandman.

John 15:1

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

You, we, can do nothing apart from Him. This is where we miss it with faith. We think we've got to do it all. Thus, it becomes a form of legalism, instead of real true faith. True faith is full and total trust. So how do you abide in the Vine, in Grace? By Trusting. Trust the Vine. If the branch didn't abide in the vine, and begin to cut itself off, it would wither up and die. Many Christians are withering today. They worry instead of trust and it just wastes them away! So, let yourself grow! Leave it all to the care and management of The Husbandman. If you'll truly, in faith, trust - put yourself completely into His hands, and let Him have His own way with you, **YOU WILL GROW! TRUST IN THE VINE!**

Breaking the Curse of the Inability to Give and Receive Love

By Linda Kyle

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I command satan and all of his demons, to loose my mind, will and my emotions. I ask You, Father, in Jesus' Name, to send angels to break, cut, and sever all fetters, bands, ungodly soul ties, any demonic tie and/or bond, whether they be by word or deed. I ask you to break any demonic strongholds, which I may have inherited, of cold heartedness, hard heartedness, no love, cold, insensitive, inability to give and receive love, past hurts and pains and damage done to me by others.

I now ask You, Lord Jesus, to loose the spirits of the Lord; the Fear of the Lord, Counsel, Might, Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, and a sound mind in me, now, in Jesus' Name. I ask You, Lord to fill me now with Your love; cause me to begin to receive Your love and compassion for others. I cover myself and my mind with the Blood of Jesus, and station the Angels of the Lord all around me, now and this present day, in Jesus' Holy Name. Amen.



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Charity Love

By Linda S. Kyle
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In our last newsletter, we began a series on The Charity Love, or I suppose we could really say, "The Charity Love of God". I discussed the various 'Loves' that I had found in the Bible. Charity Love, especially stood out to me, as a whole chapter in the Bible is dedicated to that word 'CHARITY'. It is truly a very beautiful love. It is a selfless love. This time, we will look at that love, Charity Love.

Charity Love is the last Love that I will cover. As I said, it is rooted in the Agape love of God. But really, a bit of all of the loves are within Charity Love.

Let's read about it in I Corinthians 13:1-13. As you read it, allow the Holy Spirit to cause certain words to stand out to you.

I Corinthians 13:1-13

- 1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal
- 2** And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.
- 3** And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
- 4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,
- 5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;
- 6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
- 7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
- 8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- 9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- 10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
- 11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
- 12** For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
- 13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Charity is a giving kind of love. It gives, not expecting or planning to receive anything in return. It gives when it is not going to be received in return. It gives when the recipient is not going to be kind or compassionate to you. It gives when it hurts to give. It gives when that person hurt you so deeply that you feel like your insides are all broken up. It returns love when it doesn't think it has one more drop to give. It is kind. It is thoughtful. It is compassionate. It seeks to display the Love of God, in order for the recipient to receive His love, through the giver. THIS, my brothers and sisters is Charity Love.

We have all thought of Charity as a word used for giving to folk who don't have as much as we do. It is Charity to give them our old clothes and old worn out shoes. No, that is not Charity. That is selfishness and poverty mindedness. We drop things off at a thrift store or the Salvation Army or the Goodwill, because we no longer want or need those things. True, someone else would love to have them. But that is not REAL Charity. That is a term that the world uses to describe THAT kind of giving. REAL CHARITY giving - gives its best with no thought of reciprocation.

Charity love also gives love to a person, whom the Lord may lead you to give something to. That person may actually hate you. They may be buried in hate. They hate, seemingly, everyone. But God has told YOU to make them something or to buy them something or to give them something that you have. Sometimes this HURTS. Maybe you didn't want to give them that necklace. Maybe you didn't want to spend your last dollar on them. Maybe you didn't want to buy them anything at all. BUT GOD. God said to do this thing for them, and so you are going to get it done and do it.

Oh my. You know how they feel about you. They could be jealous of you. They could be envious of you because you have a good marriage. There are any number of reasons why they have decided that you are their enemy. Yet, God has somehow put them on your heart and has told you what to do and/or to give. "Lord, couldn't You just have someone else do this?" UGH!

You bake them a pie or a cake, buy them a gift. Give them a care package from your garden. Whatever it is that the Lord has directed you to do for them, you do it. The day arrives. They work where you do. They may go to your church. They may live a few doors down from you. They may be your next door neighbor. They may be a friend whom you have fallen out with.. Whatever the situation, the day has arrived that you will be obedient. "Lord, can't this day just pass on by a little quicker?"

At work, you walk over to their desk and place a package on the side of their desk. You smile at them and walk away. There is a card attached. Several things could happen. They may get tears in their eyes. They may have a hard heart and just push the gift aside and get on with their work for the day. You may even catch them dumping it in the waste paper basket, in which case that would cut you to the core!

But they just might slowly open it and sit there, reading your card and you catch a tear rolling down their face. You are now watching God at work. You have just entered into Charity Love. It gives, but it's heart is not set on any return. Not even love. Not even expecting the love to be returned. Not even a simple 'thank you'.

Charity love also plans a situation where it can just lavish love on a person or persons, and it is not ever, even planning, nor expecting that anything will come back to them from that person or persons. Remember, your reward is in Heaven. If you are looking for it here, you are looking in the wrong place. Now, God may just decide to surprise you and suddenly it is pouring into you. Someone else is doing that for you. Oh my! Unbelievable!

Just know that when you begin to THINK like this and slowly step out into this kind of love, that God will see it and you will not be just doing this always for others. HE SEES and best of all, He sees your heart.

When I am able, I like to collect gifts. I find some unusual gift and get it and set it aside. When I have collected enough, I put together 'love packages' and surprise people with them. I love to do that when I can. But I say this to inspire you. Maybe you know of a family down the block who is going through a rough time. You know them and talk to them often. Your children and their children are friends. Invite them over for a cookout in your back yard or for dinner. Put together a package of groceries and things that they would love to have. Something for the whole family. If you are not able to do that, start small. Buy a nice bag of coffee or tea for a friend and give it to them, or to a coworker.

And it just might even be someone you just really love as your friend. THOSE who the most exciting to bless! ☺

There are all sorts of ways to walk in Charity Love. But you have to be touched by His love. When you know that He loves you so very much, you want to share that love with others. A good way to begin is simply get before the Lord and ask Him to manifest HIS LOVE to you. Ask Him to increase your hunger for Him and His Word. As you begin to walk in it, He may lead you to buy a person's lunch at work. There are innumerable ways to give that Charity Love. You could begin at work and slowly ask different ones if you can pray with them, or for them, about something. THAT is a HUGE Charity Love.

This Charity Love comes from God. All real love comes from Him. That fiery flame inside that I spoke of earlier, the First Love, it also comes from God. He longs to light that flame in you again. Let Him. Ask Him to do it today! But before we close out this time, let's look at some very powerful verses about love in the Bible.

Romans 5:5

5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

We wouldn't know His love except that He first loved us:

1 John 4:19

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

Revelation 1:5

5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Song of Solomon 1:4

4 Draw me, we will run after thee: the king hath brought me into his chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee.

Hebrews 13:5

5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God loves us. This is the ULTIMATE CHARITY LOVE in all of existence. You cannot get away from it. He is the originator of LOVE. He created Love. God IS LOVE. We see this in this passage of I John 4:7;12.

I John 4:7-12

7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

This love is seen in even some of our older hymns. One of them is Victory in Jesus. In the chorus to that hymn, Victory in Jesus, we see it:

O victory in Jesus,
My Savior, forever.
He sought me and bought me
With His redeeming blood;

He loved me 'ere I knew Him
And all my love is due Him,
He plunged me to victory,
Beneath the cleansing flood

THAT was love. He redeemed you and me. THAT was LOVE. He sought you and me out, THAT WAS LOVE. There is another old hymn that comes to mind. He brought me out of the Miry Clay. The chorus goes this way:

He brought me out of the miry clay,
He set my feet on the Rock to stay;
He puts a song in my soul today,
A song of praise, hallelujah!

THAT, too, is LOVE. The Word of God will fill your very heart with His love. He will put a new song in your heart to Him! He is behind and within that Scarlet Thread of love. The entire Bible can be summed up in this one word: REDEMPTION. And that word can be summed up with one 4 letter word, LOVE. It is HIS message to all of humanity.

I Corinthians 13:13

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

They say that the Bible is culminated in one word, one message: Redemption. Again, what is Redemption? Simply: It is LOVE. Well, we will continue this next time, probably concluding it. We'll see ya then! \ ☺ /

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Troubling Things

By Pastor John Kyle

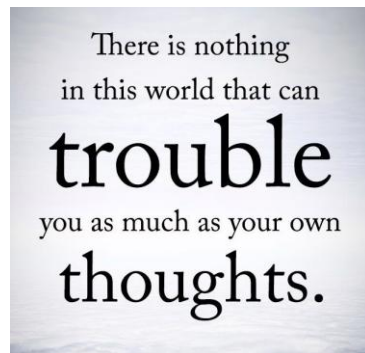
There are many things that trouble people today. Often, too much time is wasted on being troubled. This happens sometimes by dwelling on various things that are often authored by the devil, and his forces of darkness. Therefore, we see the ones who believe on Jesus, troubled by the works of darkness; even to the point that it consumes too much of their precious time.

John 14:1-3

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.



Jesus tells us what is going to happen, so why don't we all trust Him more? He tells us not to be troubled. Don't be troubled by devils. Devils live IN this world of darkness, but Jesus said I have overcome the world. Thus, we can overcome satan and all of his forces of darkness.

So, isn't it time that we live as though what Jesus said is true? Devils can be dislodged and cast out in Jesus' Name. Spirits that have long since kept people bound, families bound by familial, familiar, generational spirits can be forced out. The curse can be broken.

People must see beyond the natural realm. We should put on spiritually energized eyes: eyes that see, ears that hear. There are dark forces always at work, seeking to dominate and ruin people's lives, health, relationships and walk with the Lord. They will steal, kill and destroy unless someone stops them. They constantly lie and gaslight people. Therefore, God is raising, and has raised an army; an army of resistance. We must learn to resist the devil and stand up in the power of faith, and the authority in and of the Word of God, to these wicked entities!

I Peter 5:8-9

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Too many believers have yielded way too easily to these beings. In these last days, this is all out spiritual warfare. We must not let down our guard! We must believe the Word of God, and put it into action, NOW!

James 4:7

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

This verse is yet another command and admonition. Whether the demon is inside, and needs to be cast out, or if it is harassing and troubling the person from the outside of one's mind and body.

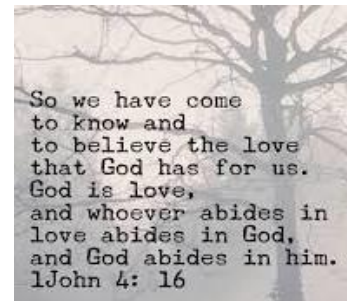
RESIST: the Greek word for RESIST is **Anthistemi**. It means to withstand, to set yourself against, to oppose, set yourself against the enemy with the power of the Word, the Blood and the Name of Jesus, until they be stopped and flee.

If deliverance is needed, then resist now and cast it out until it is gone. If you are in warfare for yourself, your family, etc., resist until they flee. Keep and stay with the battle until you see the victory, however long it takes. Remember, God has given each of us FULL authority over the devils.

Luke 10:19

19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

We simply must believe this and act accordingly!



The Love of God: The REST of the Story

By Linda S. Kyle

I love to find out "The story Behind the story" of maybe a story or a song. One of these is that old song, The Love of God, which I still love so very much, as do many. If you have never heard it all the way through, go on YouTube and see if you can find it and listen to someone sing all of the verses. It is beautiful. The song was written by a man and his daughter. The story goes of how Fredrick M. Lehman and his daughter Claudia Mays wrote the hymn "The Love of God".

There is a soft version, pretty, that went around the internet. But the truth was that Mr. Lehman wrote the third verse from an earlier historical event in which the last verse was scribbled on a wall in an Insane Asylum. It was used throughout the centuries. In any case, and no matter how it was written in its finality, the song reveals that no matter how far we have gone in the past, the love of God has found us there. No matter how far we think we have gone away from God, the love of God will find us there.

There is a passage in the Psalms, where King David speaks of no matter where we are, God will find us there. Even if we are in darkness, He will find us there. God is THERE, and God is HERE, right now, right where you are, right this minute. Look at that passage in Psalm 139:

Psalm 139:7-13

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

The final verse to Mr. Lehman's song, passed down through the centuries, scribbled on an insane asylum wall, are words that we cannot get away from, no matter how they have come down to us, today. Here is that final verse.:

'Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;

To write the love of God above,
Would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.'

Years ago, I heard Joe Cruz sing this song in brilliance. I listened to it over and over as this WONDERFUL love of God permeated my being and settled deep and rich into my heart. I hope it does for you, too! ☺



True Spiritual Growth
by Pastor John Kyle

Many times, Christians think they are walking in faith, but they are really walking in WORKS. Yes, we know that faith has works or actions of trust in the Lord. But it doesn't have, nor is it religious performance, which is what many call faith. Let me explain by an example. Too many think that walking by faith is something that we OUGHT to do, but dislike to do it. What wife would be able to endure it if her husband said to her everyday, "Oh, Honey, I'm going to work for you today, but I want you to know that I can hardly bear

it, but I'm doing it for you, Dear."

Yet, we do this with Jesus. "Oh, it's hard, Jesus, but I'm standing in faith because I know I am supposed to!" We do this all the time. "Oh, Jesus, I'm just enduring this trial for You!"

II Peter 3:18

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

You see, the problem is that we are trying to grow INTO Grace, rather than growing IN Grace. We must learn to live from the constant position of already being IN the Grace of God, or it becomes works.

An example of this would be how Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years. They became weary and tired doing it, too. Yet, at the end of it all, they still did not possess the Promised Land, even though they had the promise of it.

In order to gain possession of this land. It was necessary to first be IN IT. In order to GROW in Grace, it is first necessary to be PLANTED in Grace! Grace is a fruitful soil; Legalism is a hard ground. Not much grows there.

John 1:14

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Jesus was FULL of Grace! This place of Grace is opposed by the flesh, which is self effort, pride, legalism, control, law keeping, works and religion. But real growth and abiding in Grace is without worry, care and is not, "Oh, I don't want to do this, but I will for You, Jesus." Living in Grace is like this:

Matthew 6:25-28

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

But oh, how we struggle to STAY in faith, to believe God and to experience His blessings. Folks, if you're in Grace, IT'S NOT A STRUGGLE!!! But if you're trying to get INTO Grace, you'll struggle aplenty! A child and a lily do not TRY to grow, it's just a natural thing. You need to stop TRYING to grow. Consider the lilies and learn their secret!

Be planted in Grace and then let God cultivate you in His own way, and by His own means. So much of the trouble that Christians suffer is that they're doing what they think they OUGHT to do, instead of letting God do it through them! Here's the key:

John 15:4-5

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus said, "I AM THE VINE." Also remember that Jesus said He is full of what? GRACE! Let's read that again: