

Seeking Love in the Church of Christ



'For I wrote to you out of great distress and anguish of heart and with many tears, not to grieve you but to let you know the depth of my love for you'.

(2 Cor 2 v4)

Now this is our boast: Our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in our relations with you, with integrity and godly sincerity. We have done so, relying not on worldly wisdom but on God's grace. (1 Cor 1 v12)

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“Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.” (Revelation 1 v11)

1. Characteristics of Christ

2. Commendations

3. Rebukes

4. Action (eg. repentance)

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Promise (eg. receiving the crown of life - Smyrna)

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5 v27)

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“I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12 v36-37)

“Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.”

(Luke 12 v3)

Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. (James 1 v26)

*Consider what a great forest is set on fire
by a small spark. (James 3 v5)*

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My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. (1 Cor 1 v10a CEV)

Has Christ been divided up? (v13)

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Read the Bible

Worship

Pray

Declare truth

Speak blessing

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2 v9)

At that time the LORD set apart the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to serve Him, and to pronounce blessings in His name. (Deuteronomy 10 v8)



REACHING UP &
REACHING OUT

May the LORD **Bless** you
& keep you.

May the LORD make his face to
shine upon **you**
& be **gracious** unto you.

May the LORD lift his
countenance upon you
& give you **peace.**
NUMBERS 6:24-26 *amen*

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.
(Colossians 4 v6 NLT)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.(1 Thessalonians 5 v11)

Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Corinthians 13 v11-14)

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