

- ◆ Brethren are reminded to check their Kitchen mail inbox for correspondence.
- ◆ There would be no Bible Class this Tuesday because of the food bank meeting.
- ◆ Men's Prayer breakfast this Saturday at 9 am.
- ◆ Potluck next Sunday.



## Christianity is Nothing without Love

By David Cariaga

A while ago, I wrote on Love and Maturity as true Children of God. I wanted to write more on this issue as I see people worshipping God but yet cannot show their Love toward others, while on the other hand I hear people confess their love on others yet they do not truly believe and serve God. Which is which? Where do we Christians belong?

Now, I would like to entertain and dwell on the sayings that I read that says "if you cannot love people (with their mistakes and imperfection or race and nationality), you cannot love God." Loving people and the willingness to overlook their weaknesses is what we have to focus on. Who among us are perfect before we can start loving? Can't we not accept the idea that all struggle and have weaknesses? Can't we not just be an encouragement to others so the word of God can be everyone's guide to make our lives right? If "AGAPE" love is unconditional love, it is Not based on emotion at all. This is a decision we make to love another person whether they love us back or not - it means that "we Christians" must love somebody even if he is your enemy. JK Rowling said exactly what we needed to know to show the true love in us when he said, "if you want to know what a man's like, take a look at how he treats his inferiors, not equals."

There is a common concept that we can only love those who flatter our ego directly or indirectly – meaning, we simply focus on the extension of our "self love." Loving the rest of the humanity is a bit difficult because it requires getting over our love for our own self. In other words, it means self-sacrifice, which is so obviously difficult to perform. Allow me to be frank Brethren, your worship, time and effort in coming to church are all waste if you cannot LOVE your fellow Christian or Humanity. Yes, I agree that we do not like "worldly works" that the world is doing but loving your brother and sister or anyone is a command. All of us are going to have certain individuals even within the Church – that we must struggle to love. Yet the Bible is very clear "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God" 1 John 4:7 (NIV). Jesus himself commanded us to love (agape) others, not because they share the same thoughts with you, not because they are rich, or have the same race or nationality but because it is a command to love (Agape) each other as followers of Christ.

The plain simple message of this article is to encourage everyone to be good, compassionate, caring and concerned about the people around us, especially that we are God's followers. Jesus words fit exactly as mentioned in Matthew 25:35-40 "For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (KJV) Galatians 6:10 says, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (NIV)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 No Bible Class	1	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am
5 Potluck 	6	7 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	8	9	10  Vision Channel 9:30 am	11 Women's Prayer Breakfast @ 9am
12	13 Scottie Simmons Adoption B'day 	14 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	15	16 James Bortey B'day 	17  Vision Channel 9:30 am	18
19	20	21 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	22	23	24 Adrian Nocon B'day 	25
26	27	28 Bible Class @ 7 with David Cariaga	1	2	3  Vision Channel 9:30 am	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast @ 9 am

**Bible Mad Gab:** Key Pure Tong Fro Me Vail ( See Psalm 34:13 for answer)

**On for cleaning..... The Men of the Congregation.**

**Food Bank Items:** Peanut Butter; Soup; Kraft Dinner; Condiments; Canned Meats/Fish/Fruit; Dry Spaghetti/Sauce

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## Order of Worship

### Bible Class



9:45-10:30am Sundays  
David Cariaga (John Chapter 14)

7:00-8:00 pm Tuesdays  
David Cariaga



### Prayer Time

10:30—10:45 am Sundays



### Worship

11:00 am Sundays

### Leadership for Worship

Song Leader.....Lee-Andrew Duncan  
Worship Prayer.....Michael Goud  
Presiding at the Table.....James Bortey  
Assisting.....Scottie Simmons  
Sermon .....David Cariaga  
Collection.....James Bortey  
Closing Prayer.....Daren Simmons  
Announcements.....Daren Simmons

**John 4:24**

**God is a Spirit: and they that worship  
Him must worship in spirit and truth.**

## Prayers for those we love...

1. Wisdom for the spiritual Leadership of all the churches.
2. Our bible class teachers and students.
3. Church evangelism, spiritual growth and unity.
4. Missionaries—Joel Osborne, Ruth Zimmerman and Ron and Karen Clayton.
5. Key to the Kingdom program, teachers and students.
6. Wisdom for the leaders of our country and the military.
7. Those not worshipping with us today.
8. All Brethren living in isolated areas.
9. That Sel's dad will be healed of his prostate cancer and that her mom will have the strength to live through the process.
10. That Jocelyn's Brother-in-Law will be saved and God will ease his suffering.
11. That the Evacuees of Fort McMurray will find homes, financial help or new jobs, and have their needs met.
12. That Corey and Claudia will become strong in the faith again.
13. Ann Landry is out of the ICU. Pray for her health.
14. Those of our congregation travelling.
15. That Gizel Attedjro would stay focused and grow in faith as she studies at the Great Lakes Christian college .
16. That Paul & Heidi Taylor would return to Jesus's Church.
17. Our sister Susan McLellan had a baby boy named Quintin. Although she was discharged, he is currently in the neonatal intensive care unit. Pray for Quintin's healthy development during this sensitive time.