

# The Power of God's Love through Jesus Christ

## **Text: Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Paul writes to the Church of Christ in Rome to show his faith and love for Christ, which he is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

We as member of the Lord's church should also take on the same mindset as Paul of not being ashamed of the power of God's love, because we have believed and obeyed from the heart (mind) that form of teaching that was taught from the scriptures (**Romans 6:17**), so it should stir up our mind to want to be a servant, that we want to **Love Him** and keep **His** commandments (**John 14:15**). Jesus laid His life to show a greater **Love** for mankind and even when we were walking in darkness, **He** called us **His friend (John 15:13)**. So, if the **Godhead Loved** mankind so much that **Jesus Christ** came down from heaven to redeem mankind from our sins, to have hope of eternal life with **Him** and the **Father**; shouldn't we show our love to the **Godhead** in our daily lives? I want us to look at 3 areas; effort, time and resources, that we can be pleasing to the **Godhead**, being led by **His Spirit (Galatians 6:25)**.

## **1. We should strive in our daily lives to seek the righteousness of God.**

### **Matthew 6:33**

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

- A. Having a daily and consistent prayer life, because He is our strength and my shield during a time of need.

#### **Psalms 28:7**

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

- B. Having a daily reading and studying that we delight in the word God and meditate on His word.

#### **Psalms 1:1-2.**

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

- C. Having the zeal to go out and make disciples for Christ and His Church.

#### **Matthew 28:19**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

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2. Since our lives are made of dust and we are like a vapor on this earth that appeareth for a little time and vanisheth away, we should use the time we have to appreciate the power of God's love to serve Him.

- A. We have been by bless by God today, with time to every purpose under the heaven according to **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 and verse 17 Solomon** states that we will be judged on how we use God's time for every purpose and every work.
- B. Paul writes to us in **Romans 13:11-14** that knowing the time and the time is now, is to wake up out of our sleep or opportunity to do God's will, because salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. So, our time should be walking honestly, putting and keeping the armour of light, casting off the works of darkness and making no strong desires for the lust of the flesh. But put and keep the power of God's love in our hearts (minds).
- C. Why? Because the Godhead wants those of us in Christ, to walk wise and to be redeemers of time. Which means to make the most of every opportunity to live a Christ like life, because of the evil times which we live in (**Ephesians 5:15-16**).

3. The power of God's love should constrain us to love the Godhead and to us our resources that we are blessed with.

- A. The first and best resource that God gave us at least one gift and that is the Holy Spirit, when those of us, who was taught the gospel of Christ and His Church and was baptize for the forgiveness of our sins (**Acts 2:38**). So that we can share the gospel of Christ to those who are living in darkness.
- B. Using His resources to do good to all men especially those who are in Christ (**Galatians 6:10; Matthew 25:35-40**).
- C. Being that living sacrifice holy and acceptable to God, which is a reasonable service, with a renewed mind, what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God (**Romans 12:1-2**). Let us lay by and store, as God has given us financial resources, every first day of the week to give back to support the ministries, which are evangelism, edification and benevolence (**1 Corinthians 16:1-2**). The power of God's love was demonstrated to us when while we were, yet sinners Christ died for us (Romans 5:8). Jesus endured His death on the cross with joy that you and I can have hope of eternal life (**Hebrews 12:1-2**).
- D. Let us give back our resources not grudgingly, or of necessity for God want us to give cheerfully (**2 Corinthians 9:6-7**).

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In conclusion let us not take the power of God's love for granted in our lives, but work for His cause while it is day. Because night is going to come for all of us one day and we won't be able to show our love in effort, time or resources.

**If one is not a member of the Lord's Church, which is called the church of Christ Romans 16:16. You can become one today by:**

- ❖ **Hearing and Believing the facts of the gospel 1 Corinthians 15:1-4,**
- ❖ **Repenting of your sins Luke 13:3&5,**
- ❖ **Confessing that Jesus Christ is the son of the living God Acts 8:37**
- ❖ **And be Baptized for the washing away of your sins. Acts 22:16**