

PRAYER BULLETIN #212, 11MAY2022

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

*"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

REFLECTION

If you have been with someone long enough or been immersed in certain teachings and practices almost every day for some seasons, something about the person or the teachings get rubbed off onto you, and sometimes into your very being. It's like you have become that person you had been with. This can be said of some couples who have spent years living and influencing each other. Their thinking, and actions, synchronize with each other like a waltz, even though their movements may be somewhat differing. Yet, they reflect each other in their lives.

This is perhaps what the apostle John is saying when we have been with God and understood how He has loved us by sending His only Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. In this sacrificial act, God demonstrated His love towards us. But love does not end there.

As we understand how God has loved us, it is His will that we, the recipients of His love, also love others sacrificially and genuinely. We understand this from v.11 *"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."* The demonstration of God's love is, in a sense, comes to a full circle when we (who have tasted His love) pass on His love by loving others.

God loved us, and He continues to do so. God also intends for us to love others continually for His love becomes our very nature as we continue to experience and abide in His love. As we love others through the power of the Holy Spirit, the cycle of love continues on unending.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for loving us with an unending love. Help us to appreciate Your love each new day and empower us by Your Holy Spirit to love others as You would have us to, that You may be seen in us and be glorified. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Have you experienced God's love recently? Give thanks to Him. Has it been difficult for you to experience God's love? Tell God about it and ask Him to show you His love. Has it been difficult for you to love someone? Commit your struggles to God and ask Him to empower you and show you how. Then obey Him in love and loving.
- Do you know of someone who is struggling to understand and experience God's love? Commit this person to God's loving hands. Pray for God to intervene in this person's life that he/she may encounter God's love and presence. Is God speaking to you to be His instrument of love? Prayerfully consider how you may "perfect" God's love through your loving actions towards this person.
- Pray for BRMC to be a loving Church that others may see and be touched by our love in action. Loving one another is a mark of discipleship (Jn. 13:35). Pray for this fruit to be manifested greatly in and through the life of the members of BRMC.
- As the world moves on with Covid, many still suffer under "loveless" conditions and situations, where God's love and name are small and dim. Pray for God's love to reach to these people and places where they can know and experience Him and put their faith in Him. Pray for God to intervene in countries that are affected by conflict and war.

*"Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God abides in us
and his love is perfected in us."
1 Jn.4:11*

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