

The True Cost of Love

Heb 5:8

Though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.

Love requires the death of the one who has been offended! WOW that is a pretty radical statement. In the scripture above we are talking about Jesus.

However when it is written Matt 10:38 **And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.** What? Does that mean we cannot enter heaven without dying to self?

Yes exactly, that is what Jesus did on the cross. Well what was it that Jesus learned obedience to? He learned this: Love requires the death of the one offended. There is no way that forgiveness can truly be offered without suffering death to self.

Matt 6:15 **But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

Therefore why do people say “I love you” if they are not willing to lay down their life for you, or do they want to gain some advantage over you, or maybe they just do not consider the cost of love.

You may think I am talking about romance but (All Love) requires discipline, and forgiveness is part of that discipline. Do you not realize that forgiveness offers the offended freedom and rest?

What are we saying? It would be in order not to consider committing to love if you do not mean it. That brings us to this: If we do not want to be obedient to Love’s demands don’t go there. However a person may not enter the Kingdom of Heaven if they do not love the Lord Jesus.

Here is the good part Jesus has already offered us forgiveness and all we need do is accept it and commit to loving Him. We have nothing to forgive Him, therefore our dilemma would be to love our brother or sister as He has loved us.

The Lord will take care of vengeance. Peace and eternal life will be the result of our trust in Him and our cross only remains painful if we carry ought for the sake of vengeance. The sooner we submit to our cross the less we suffer. He will not allow you bring that ought into Heaven.

If we die to self (forgive) daily we will not have a build up of pain and it will be easy to enter the kingdom of Love and Joy while we are still here!

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