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The Love Of God Shed Abroad



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February is commonly known as the month we think of “love” because of Valentine’s Day. However, every day of the year we, as Christians, should be known for the love that comes from our hearts, “because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us” (Romans 5:5).

The heart of missionary service is being a loving witness of Christ to others. Every person who desires to be used by the Lord in His service, must have the same objective. We

must have the passion of seeing people saved and their lives changed by the power of God into the likeness of Christ.

Rather than focusing on ourselves, we need to focus on how we can serve others. We should strive to develop a servant's heart. Our desire ought to be to allow the Holy Spirit to break our heart for souls. It should be our prayer that the Holy Spirit enable us as Christians to love all the people we encounter, not just the ones we like. We should seek out the best for others in every situation. Even the words we speak should bless rather than hurt people.

C.D. Meigs wrote the following hymn called “Others.”

Lord, help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayers will be for others.

Help me in all the work I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for You
Must needs be done for others.

Let “self” be crucified and slain
And buried deep; and all in vain
May efforts be to rise again
Unless to live for others.

And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work in heaven’s begun,
May I forget the crown I’ve won
While thinking still of others.

Others, Lord, yes others,
Let this my motto be,
Help me to live for others,
That I may live like Thee.



Max Alderman

Proving Your Love By Max Alderman Caribbean Field Administrator

The eighth chapter of 2 Corinthians is certainly a great chapter showing the pattern of how the early churches took up a relief offering to help the Church at Jerusalem; it also shows a pattern for Faith

Promise Missions.

“Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Inasmuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, *see* that ye abound in this grace also. I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love” (2 Cor. 2:1-8).

Paul commended those things that he could kindly say about the church at Corinth in 2 Corinthians chapter 8, such as their abounding in, “faith, utterance, and knowledge, and in doing so in all diligence.” He also complemented the love they had for Paul and his ministry. But he still wanted them to have the same giving spirit, as did the churches in Macedonia. It seemed that the church at Corinth did not have such a giving spirit. This could have been for many reasons, with the biggest reason being that they had become accustomed to having things and may have been reluctant to give up those things which could be bought with money.

Paul challenges their giving by telling them that they could mature beyond where they were, and in doing so prove the sincerity of their love. There is a very practical way in which one demonstrates Christian love.

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Proving Your Love
By Max Alderman
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Paul told the church at Corinth that they could prove or demonstrate their love by their giving. Christ did so, for He loved the church and gave Himself for it. He expressed this love as He gave Himself for us upon the cross. In the 9th verse of 2 Corinthians 8, Paul tells how Jesus, who was rich, became poor. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." This giving involved what Christ did on the cross. This was the way that He expressed His love.

It was from heaven...to the cross...to the world!

Our giving to and through the church proves our love for Christ and His church, just as He proved His love to us. Our love for missions is proven as we support missions in a financial way and in a personal way. Our love for anything is expressed by our giving.

You give to what you love. You support what you love.

* Notice the greatness of this verse as it pertains to Christ. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

* The Creator God of the universe, and Creator of all that there is, voluntarily gave up His all, becoming poor. He demonstrated that He was willing to make Himself poor that we might be rich. Such love! There is no greater example of grace giving than this. His example is our challenge.

* May we be challenged, by the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Christ Jesus. May His total sacrifice, be a challenge for us to willingly sacrifice for the things that God loves.

News From BMFP Headquarters

WOW! It is hard to believe that almost 40 years ago, God used Dr. Garland Powell, Dr. Gene Burge and other great men to forge Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples! We praise the Lord for the great vision that led hundreds of missionary families to a multitude of people groups around the world. The Lord only knows the impact! Thank the Lord that vision has been passed down through the years to our BMFP missionaries. What a glorious thought, that we have the opportunity to press on with this Godly vision until our savior calls us home. In honor of the landmark set four decades ago, we have designated the last week of September **2020** as our 40th Anniversary Celebration of God's faithfulness to BMFP! What an exciting time for our mission family! All our missionary families are invited and encouraged to attend this special meeting as we focus on all that the Lord has done for and through BMFP! Thank you for all that you contribute to BMFP and for your help and encouragement to our missionaries! Please be in prayer for this special celebration of God's grace to BMFP!

- Jonathan Lyons

News From the Fields

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The church saw three more souls saved during the month of December, and we must give God all the GLORY for this!! Our church was blessed to continue to take the Gospel to our little village of Nohuayun. The church was able to bring donated toys to all the children, as well as a beautiful Christmas presentation which brought the Gospel to over 400 people that were in attendance that day! PTL!! Several raised their hand in need for salvation. Please pray these hearts to be open as we go back to spend time explaining the importance of salvation with these that are open to receiving.

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I enjoy pastoring the folks here at Hohenfels Baptist Church! This quarter, we conducted our last semester of our local Bible institute and graduated one student in December. We also had a couple more families join our church, and unfortunately, we also had a few families rotate back to the United States. I had the privilege of baptizing one of the new members in a nearby river! There are a number of families that are still praying about going into the ministry full-time. Please pray that God will make their paths clear. Please also pray for our outreach! God has allowed a greater population to be in this area recently and we want to reach them all with the gospel!

Editor's Notes

As you may know there is an apparent dearth of new missionaries entering the harvest fields of the world. In addition to this, the average stay of a missionary on the field is about two years! Many men and their families (from BMFP and many other places) spend a good portion of the year on the road encouraging church members and college students to accept the call of God on their lives. Our human effort is important, but futile without the power of God!

Dr. Burge has asked our Board members and field administrators to put a priority on praying for more laborers. Would you join us in this effort? We all pray for such, but is it really the fervent, earnest prayer needed to reach this wicked world for Christ? Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in My Name, He will give it you. Hitherto ye have asked nothing in My Name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (Jn 16: 23b-24). James added, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering, for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed" (Js 1:6). If we love others as Christ loves us and desire to see our world reached with the Gospel, we must call down the power of God for salvation and for many more laborers. Let's do it together! Thank you for all you do for the Lord and for your prayers and support for BMFP!

- Matt Quitter