



ALM's Ministries International, Inc.

The Ministry That Keeps on Giving ... →

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Defining Love

I have been confronted once again with a search for an understanding of LOVE. I sat with a person who said that he had not experienced love and therefore did not know love. I believe I understand where he was coming from as he seemed to be trying to define love based upon a world view. A world view tends to lean towards a passionate lust and/or an emotional euphoria. The truth however, can be derived from the pages of the scripture.

Love is a commitment that on occasion can produce a passionate euphoria. It may also be the cause of hardship and pain. The inward desire to remain committed/faithful will cause you to suffer hurt as others will sometimes function selfishly at your expense. Some do so wittingly, most do so unwittingly. Love and willingness to undergo suffering to maintain a commitment or to be faithful is the very thing that sets Christians apart from the world. It is the thing that sustained marriages of old. It is the thing that allowed the Father to allow His Son to leave home John 3:16, 1 John 4:9-10; be publicly humiliated Matthew 27:27-31; tortured and killed Isaiah 53:1-9, Mark 14:56-65; 15:16-20, 24, 29-32 & 37. All of this while the Father in pain had to look away

"And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? Which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" **Mark 15:34**

It is the thing that allowed the Son to lay down His life John 10:18; when He could have summoned legions of angels Matthew 26:53. It was not the nails that held Him to the cross. It was love that held Him to the cross.

It is the thing that we must see and experience in the word of God from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that we might be able to know love ourselves and share that love with others. It is the very thing that will give you a peace that passes all understanding. Knowing you could have done something that may have stopped the pain. But realizing that your concern for the pain and suffering of others is greater than your concern for self Philippians 2:3-8. It is the thing that causes that

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Check the scripture

1. *John 10:18*
2. *Philippians 2:3-8*
3. *Hebrews 12:2-3*

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2-3

emotional euphoria that the world can neither experience nor take away.

If no one has told you yet today please allow me to be the first to say that I love you all and you can't do a thing about it.

Serving Christ

Andre' L. McGuire

Ministry Needs

Praise God:

I believe as God said, He will supply our need according to His riches in glory. That you might be made aware of those present needs please find listed below the needs of ALM's Ministry International, Inc. as we know them.

It is my intention to fulfill the ministry God has placed in my heart. I am prayerful that God would touch those whom He has anointed to be a blessing or participant in this ministry. I have nearly completed the business plan inclusive of a blueprint of the facility wherein the halfway house would be located. If God has so ordained it would be a blessing to receive your assistance in the development of this ministry. Please contact us in the event God has led you to assist and/or forward this to any which you believe may through prayer be interested in assisting in the following areas:

- Prayer
- Secure 501 C3
- Assist in completion of business plan
 - a. Cost Analysis
 - b. Secure Financing and/or Grant Writer
 - c. Staff Development
- Web Site Development (concept provided)
- Typeset manuscripts and/or secure publisher or agent for manuscripts
- (Edited by Sis. Chris Kibbie)
- Secure copyright of manuscript(s)
- Prayer

I do thank you for having taken the time to review this information. I pray that God will open your heart to being a blessing to his kingdom by assisting in the development of this ministry.

Donations

The word of God admonishes us to owe no man anything except love. Therefore, we have made it possible for our visiting friends to assist us in maintaining our facility and our web presence by sowing seed into this ministry. All finances received are tax deductible and will be used for general ministry support if it is not specifically designated. We thank you in advance for your cheerful gift in support of ALM's Ministries, International, Inc.