

The Normal Christian Life - Love For All Humanity

Love of fellow Christians is a basic essential for all true Christians, but not less essential is love for all humanity.

Proverbs 17:5 [New King James] *“He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker; he who is glad at calamity will not go unpunished.”*

The principle in this Proverb must be applied to all humanity, both those who are poor physically and spiritually.

The Creator God is the maker and owner of all human beings and person is unfit to be the servant of Jesus Christ who dislikes or despises any human being.

When from the knowledge of God’s Word, the Christian Bible, we see the place and purpose of every human being in God’s plan for all humanity, we will see human beings as the focus of all the thoughts of our Eternal Creator God.

When we see how our Lord and Saviour, the very Son of God, humbled Himself to become a human being, you can then learn to have the same appreciation of all human beings.

Philippians 2:5-8 [New King James] *“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.”*

The reason behind this humble act of the very Creator God, [**John 1:1-5, 14**] to become a *“ransom for many,”* [**Mark 10:45**] the fact that the *“son of man came”* shows the attitude He has for all humanity, that of great love and compassion.

A serious problem with many who are professing Christians is that they are selective with or actually lack love for some people. They lack esteem for all human beings for they fail to realise the great value the Creator God has in every human being.

Too often we feel we have attained great heights if we begin to love other Christians, this is not enough for that love must embrace all humans, even those that hate us, our enemies, [Matthew 5:43-48**].**

Jesus Christ our Lord, Saviour as well as Creator so prized humans that He became one that He might to the fullest extent serve them, and save them from the result of their sins, [**Luke 19:10**].

Interest in the human race as a whole is a basic requirement of every true Christian, not interest in a certain section of humanity.

Years of human instruction and example has accustomed us to speak of certain people as our *“brethren”* referring to fellow Christians, and all other humans as *“fellow men.”*

John 10:10 [New King James] *“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

Jesus Christ came that all humans may experience an abundant life, He came to the earth specifically for the purpose of serving people, [Mark 10:45**].**

Jesus Christ's motive power was a passionate love for all humans, His ministry was the outcome of His love and compassion for all human beings, and because this love of Jesus Christ was boundless, He could serve them even in His pain-filled murder on the cross.

Unless all humans become the object of our love and affection, we cannot possibly become a fellow bond slave of Jesus Christ, all of our personal desires have to be set aside to serve other human beings.

How can we, who ourselves selfish sinners by nature, hesitate to forgive sinners?

How can we fail to understand their weaknesses and shortcomings?

But how can we **not** hold them dear when we know their worth to our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ?

God is the Good Shepherd, who could forsake all and go out to seek the one lost sheep, [Luke 15:1-7].

The Holy Spirit is the light that allows the lost coin to be found, [Luke 15:8-10].

The father could go out to welcome home the lost son, [Luke 15:11-24].

When we see that the divine love of God could spend Himself freely to redeem even one person, can we fail to see the intensity of God's love for every single human being?

If only this fundamental trouble of our lack of love for **all** humans can be solved, our other difficulties in our relationships with other human beings would vanish.

When we cease to stand ourselves on a pedestal and learn to take our place among all other humans, then we shall no longer disdain any.

If we still live among other human beings in a condescending manner, do **not** deceive ourselves into mistaking such condescension for Christian humility.

Conscious condescension is counterfeit humility, genuine humility is unconscious.

Many Christians, as they move among their fellow Christians, convey the impression that they are doing others a favour by associating with them.

Our demeanour should never make others feel that we are different from them.

True Christians must be so emptied of self that they are unconsciously humble.

We always must continue to ask ourselves the question, "*Where were I when the grace of God found me, and where would I be today if Jesus Christ had **not** come to seek and save me?*"

By nature we are all sinners, the only difference is that an active true Christian who loves all human beings has been saved by the grace of Jesus Christ.

If you, as a true Christian, are **not** attracted to sinners, but even want to shun them, what hope do we have of spreading the good news that our Lord and Saviour brought from God the Father to all humanity? [Matthew 28:18-20].

If we seek those humans who do **not** know the very reason for their existence, **not** knowing the love their Creator God has for them, we will seek to serve and show them their immense potentiality, we will be truly reflecting the love that the Creator God has for them.