

Love Thy Neighbor in Service

Come To The Light



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Well, is it or is it not? A conversation so fearful that I cannot remember

having it. We will talk about most any topic on the planet. Turn on a TV, listen to the radio and the topics are endless. Many of the conversations clearly do not justify discussion but they get people to watch and listen. An eternity with or without God? Does it justify any thought or any of your time? If one is logical, it is the most important idea ever to be thought about and discussed.

Recently I completed reading the book On Life After Death by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross. The book was about her years of work being with people as they died. Several

of the people had near death experiences (that is they were clinically dead and came back). I have read two books on the topic recounting many people's

experience, and I have talked to four people who have had the experience. By all accounts death is an incredible event. Everyone expresses that death is far superior to being here on earth. The description in the book of death is like our being butterflies and coming out of the cocoon in which we are currently living.

Upon passing from this place to the next, one's body becomes perfect. Those who had physical ailments talked of them no longer being in pain. A child who had lost her hair as a result of having cancer said she had her curly hair back when she had died. A man who lost his legs during the car wreck that temporarily killed him said he had his legs on the other side. Death unfolds just like life does here on earth. That is the experience occurs one event then the next.

For those who have been gone long enough most all speak of the light. Since I have not been in that position most any definition or description would clearly fall short. I will therefore use the descriptions I have heard or read about. The light has been called pure love or unconditional love.

I imagine the closest thing to that here on earth is the feeling a parent may have for a child. That is you would do almost anything to keep that child safe. Interestingly, that is what the Father did for us by sending Jesus to die for our sins. Jesus says,

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the

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Father except through me."

(John 14:6 NIV)

Many people state how this is not fair and how people with this belief are judgmental. Of all the things that I have seen, heard or experienced in life the idea is the most fair of all propositions. It cost you nothing and you simply have to say yes. For those complaining about the people on the earth who have not heard about Jesus and the inequity in that situation, a resolution exists. YOU GO FIND THEM AND TELL THEM. Jesus specifically called you and me to do so.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

(Mathew 28:19)

If you believe and have

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Love Thy Neighbor

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Ask how you can help!

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:39

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Go...Really?

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accepted Jesus the complaint cannot be justified. The reason is simple: Few circumstances exist, particularly when you consider how small the world is getting with the Internet, not to be able to reach people all over the world. Most would complain because they, like me, are currently unwilling to get on a plane, go to some foreign land and begin the journey of reaching those in far off and possibly dangerous places.

The call to the Father through Jesus can often be one that dramatically changes the direction of your life. Ask any missionary.

The question is, however, what is an eternity with the Father worth? Let me be clear I am not speaking of working our way to heaven. It states in the scriptures we are saved by grace, (God's free gift of salvation),

"For it is by grace you have been

saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast."

(Ephesians 2:8 NIV).

As difficult, full of ego and pride as we humans can be, could you possibly imagine what a person who had earned his or her way into to heaven would be like?

In the scriptures Jesus describes the importance of not going to hell (so clearly He believes it exists).

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where their worm

What can you do?

We need your prayers! It is the most important thing you can do for the ministry.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
(James 5:16 NIV)

LTN is committed to spreading the Gospel by Christ's example to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. To this end, LTN has designed programs with the purpose of helping clients build a relationship of faith in God, regain their dignity and eventually, regain their self-sufficiency. Contact us to learn more about the services and programs.

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does not die, and the fire is not quenched."

(Mark 9:43 NIV).

A chilling thought. Another description comes to my mind. Imagine being in the presence of unconditional love or pure love. Once you have experienced it, I cannot imagine not being in that for eternity. But far worse would be separation from pure love for eternity in hell. If you have a desire to come to know the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a real and true way there are simple steps to take. If you would like more information send me an email me at jchapmanjr@bellsouth.net.

May God bless you!



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