

## INSPIRATIONAL MOMENTS #16

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### **Thought: Love, Have You Got It?**

**Special Readings:** Romans 5:8; Romans 8: 35-39; Romans 13: 8-9; John 13: 34-35

#### **Scripture:**

*...thou shall love thy neighbour as thy self. Romans 13:9 KJV*

*...but thou shall love thy neighbour as thy self: I am the Lord. Leviticus 19:18 KJV*

God showed what it meant to Love by the gift he gave to us, his Son, Jesus Christ. (John 3: 16) Love is an action; it's something that we do. Love does not stand still. I Cor 13 is called the "Love Chapter" because it outlines those things that a person does which represents Love. Not love of the flesh, but love that comes from having God in our heart.

This Godly love is what God wants us to have for our neighbors and for one another. (John 13: 34,35) God desires that we not only love our neighbour but take that Godly love and love ourselves. The word says, "Love thy neighbour as thyself." How can you give to someone else, something you don't have? If you don't Love yourself, how can you love another? You can't give what you don't have.

The questions come, Love, have you got it? Exam yourself. Do you have the Love of God within yourself? Use the Love Chapter as your yardstick, take the Love Gauge, see where you stand. Dip your self down into the well of God's Word, see where you stand.

If your love gauge does not measure full, ask our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to help you reach perfection in this area. Acknowledge your weakness, turn it over to Jesus. He will answer your prayer and lift you up another level where you need to be.

#### **Prayer:**

Oh Lord my help and ages past, my hope for years to come. Lord look on me. Search my heart lord, if you find any thing that should not be, take it out lord and strengthen me. Lord you know all about me for you made me lord, you know my ups and my down's. Lord guide me in all things that I love with that Godly love only you can give. Thank you for your lifting power, a power displayed by the empty tomb when Jesus rose from the dead, a power that comes alive in your Word (Hebrews 4:12) Thank you that as your heir, as one of your children that same power is available to me, to lift me such that my love gauge will be full. Thank you lord for lifting me higher and higher in your love. Amen.

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