

What Should Be Your Number One Aim in Life?

Part 3 2019



God's Answer

- 1 Cor 14:1 ^{TLB} Let love be your greatest aim;....
- 1 Cor 16:14 ^{AMP} Let everything you do be done in love (true love to God and man as inspired by God's love for us).
- Matt 22:37-40 Love God and Love Others
- John 14:15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments.
- Matt 6:33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you (don't pursue material things as priority....if you seek first KOG, these material things will begin to pursue you.)

We are to base all of our decisions, choices, and actions through the filters of giving priority to.....

- 1) Loving God*
- 2) Loving others*
- 3) Seeking first KOG*
- 4) Keeping His commandments*

Question

- Why does God command us to love Him.
- Does God “need” our love? Does God even “need” us?
- Is there anything that God wants or needs from us?
- Does He love us because He “needs” or “wants” something from us?
- God is perfect...He’s not missing anything...He can’t get any smarter, any stronger, or any bigger because He is perfect and because He is perfect, He does not need anything from us to make Him more perfect...He is already perfect.

God Is Perfect So He Does Not Need Anything from Us!

- *Acts 17:24-25 God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. 25 Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*
- *Ps 50:12 "If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and all its fullness.*
- *Deut 10:14 ... heaven and the highest heavens belong to the Lord your God, also the earth with all that is in it.*

*If God does not “need” anything from us because He’s perfect,
why did He create the heavens and the earth.....why did He
create us?*

Did He create us because He needs us and needs our love?

Song: “What’s Love Got to Do With It”

(Tina Turner)

Beliefs of COGSA - GOD

God is the eternal, all powerful, supreme creator and sustainer of the entire universe. God is one, composed of spirit and comprising a family presently consisting of God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. God is a loving, kind, merciful being who wants to share his magnificent existence by reproducing Himself through man. (Psalm 19:1; 50:1, 6-7; Isaiah 44:6; Nehemiah 9:6, 16-17; John 1:12-13; 3:16; 4:8; Romans 1:20; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 John 3:1-2)

In other words, God wants a family of Christ-like beings with whom to share this earth and the entire universe.

This is what His Plan of Salvation is all about...to produce a family of spirit beings after the likeness of Jesus the Messiah.

God Wants a Family of Spirit Beings

- 1 Cor 15:20-23 ... Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 ... by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection... 22... as in Adam all die,... in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.
- 1 Cor 15:42-44 ... The body is sown in corruption,... raised in incorruption. 43 ... sown in dishonor,... raised in glory... sown in weakness,... raised in power. 44 sown a natural body,... raised a spiritual body.

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- So although God does not “need” us in order to exist (He’s perfect and therefore does not need anything from us in order to exist), He wants His existence to have meaning. . . . He does not want to live by Himself. . . . He wants other spirit beings besides Himself. . . . He does not want to be the only one. . . . He is not satisfied with being by “Himself” even though He is perfect. . . . He also wants you in His existence. . . . so He created the world so that we could exist and He created it ultimately for Him. . . . WHY? . . . because He has a purpose. . . . His purpose is that He wants you to be part of His family as spirit beings.

He did not create you because He “needs” something from you....He created you because HE JUST NEEDS YOU!!!

He wants nothing from you.....what He wants and needs is YOU so that He can accomplish His purpose. Without YOU, He can't fulfill His purpose of producing a family.

He needs YOU in order to complete His existence!!!

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- *In order to accomplish His purpose...which is to make His existence complete by having YOU...He created YOU!!!*
- *In order to accomplish His purpose, He says, “Let Love be your greatest aim in life...” and “Everything you do, let it be done in love”. Live life through this filter of “Love” so that YOU can become part of His existence.*
- *He not only wants us to love Him, but also to love one another and to love the people in the world because He also needs them in order to complete His existence..*

Our Relationship with God

Is Compared to the Marriage Covenant

- *Eph 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,*

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- *27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.*
- *Both husbands and wives see their own bodies as precious... they protect their own bodies... don't roll of the bed.*

Our Relationship with God Is Compared to the Marriage Covenant

- *31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*
- *Husband's wife, once they are married, becomes the most important person in his life and he becomes the most important person in her life...more important than father and mother.*

Let's compare the love that we are to have towards God and towards one another to a marriage in order to have an better understanding of what God tells us....

“Let love be your greatest aim in life....”

What kind of “love” is God talking about?

What Kind of Love is God Talking About?

- *True love is not marrying someone to get something from them... you should not marry someone for their money, their possessions, to escape a bad home situation, their looks, (although the marital relationship may begin with attraction, appeal, arousal,... this is not true love). When they lose these things, should you stop loving them?*
- *You should marry someone because they become the “most important” person in you life. You marry them for “them”...not for their money or anything else...not even for “love” in the sense of how the world looks at love...when you don't love them, do they stop being important?*

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- *If someone tells a girl, “Marry me, I can’t live without you....I can’t exist without you or I’ll die without you”....should she marry him? He is either mentally sick, needs therapy, he is lying and trying to manipulate you to get something from you.*
- *What is the best saying, “I love you” or “You I love”. Should the “you” be the last word in the sentence and the “I” be the first word in the sentence? What is most important....the “I” or the “you”. Each person should put the other person first in a true-loving marriage.*

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- *“You I love” means, “You are the most important person in my life, so for that reason and that reason alone, you have my love”....even if you lose your looks, lose your health, lose your money, etc....you still have my love....WHY?....Because you are the “most important” person in my life. I don’t need you to be able to exist, but because my existence would not be complete without you.*
- *To God we should say NOT “I love God” but “God, You I love”. Why? Because You are the most important person in my life....I don’t love you because of what I can get from you (although there are blessings and rewards for having a relationship with You...but that is not my focus), BUT “You I love” simply because You are YOU!!!*

What Kind of Love is God Talking About?

- *You should not marry someone* to get something from them....you marry them for “them”. Especially after you say “Yes, I do” in your wedding vows, your husband/wife becomes the *most important person* in your life out all the men and women that exist. I can exist without you, but I don't want to....my existence would be meaningless without you.
- *God does “NOT” love us because* He needs us to exist....He can exist without us....**BUT HE DOES NOT WANT TO.** He needs us in order to accomplish His purpose, not because He needs us in order to exist, but because He does not want to live/exist without us....He does not want to exist by Himself

God Becomes Vulnerable When He Loves Us

- *You can't be hurt by someone that you don't know well enough to love. You love your wife, your son, your daughter, your friend....the people you know....the more you know them, the greater the hurt when you lose them.*
- *Same with God loving us. He hurts when we disappoint Him....when He invites us to join in observing His Sabbath, His Holy Days, obey His commandments, and we don't.*

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- *Matt 23:37-38* *"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!"*
- *If He didn't care/love us*, *He would not hurt.*
- *Every time we observe a commandment*, *we express our love towards Him and He tells us to live by His commandments because He wants the best for us...and because He wants a family. Like a child that refuses to come to the Thanksgiving dinner table, that child is missed.*

God Needs You To Complete His Existence

What Happens When You Refuse to Serve His Needs?

- *Ex 32:25-28* *Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies), 26 then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the Lord's side — come to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.*

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- *27 And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.'" 28 So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.*
- *When we serve His purpose (He wants a family), He protects those who elect to stay under His protection.*

We Belong to God

- Isa 43:1 *But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.*
- Who do you love your husband/wife *above everybody else.....she/he is Yours (You are mine)...and because you are mine, you are the most important person in my life...and therefore, "You are loved".....I can exist without you, but I don't want to.*
- God calls us His special people *(who are to be light to this dark world)...He loves and protects His special people.*

We Lose Nothing by Loving God

- *Luke 18:28-31* *Then Peter said, "See, we have left all and followed You." 29 So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come eternal life."*
- *"Let love be your greatest aim in your life..."* *...filter all your decisions/choices/action through this number one principle/value in your life....you gain not lose.*

June 9th - Sunday

Pentecost

(Valencia Room – 11:15am)

potluck

Cancel Sabbath, June 8th.