

The Attributes Of Love Pt8

Works Without Love

REVELATION 2:1-4

1. *Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;*
2. ***I know thy works, and thy labour**, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:*
3. *And hast borne, and hast patience, and **for my name's sake hast laboured**, and hast not fainted.*
4. *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love**.*

THE EPHESIAN CHURCH AGE [60-1205]

The first church, the Ephesian church, the works of the church, what God condemned them for, was **works without love**.

MATTHEW 7:21-23

21. *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*
22. *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done **many wonderful works**?*
23. *And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.*

I CORINTHIANS 13:1

1. *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not **charity**, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.*

I CORINTHIANS 13:1b [Wuest translation]

- 1b. *[Greek word here used of God's love produced in the heart of the yielded saint by the Holy Spirit, a love that impels one to deny himself for the sake of the loved one]*

I CORINTHIANS 13:1b [AMP translation]

- 1b. *...**just an annoying distraction**.*

I CORINTHIANS 13:2

2. *And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, **I am [nothing]**.*

I CORINTHIANS 13:2b [Wuest translation]

2b. ...so that I am able to keep on removing mountain after mountain, but am not possessing love, I am nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:2b [AMPC translation]

2b. ...but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (**a useless nobody**).

I CORINTHIANS 13:2b [AMP translation]

2b. ...but do not have love [reaching out to others], I am nothing.

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3762

oudeis {oo-dice'}

1) no one, nothing

MATTHEW 5:13

13. *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have [lost his savour], wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth **good for [nothing]**, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

GREEK LEXICON - STRONG'S NUMBER 3471

moraino {mo-rah'-ee-no}

to make flat and tasteless

ELIJAH [55-0301]

But salt is a savour if it contacts. You--you have a piece of meat here, and a barrel of salt here, you've got to get them together to, the salt to the meat or the meat to the salt, to preserve the meat. And that's the way it is. **We've got to get the believer with the unbeliever.** That's right. **You've got to get them into the Church, into the salty bunch of people.** And you know, salt--salt also makes a thirst, doesn't it? And if you eat salt, you get thirsty. And God wants His Church so salty, till the whole world will thirst to be like them (That's right. See?), just thirsty, just thirsty. Just think, say, "Oh, if I could only live the way that woman lived. If she ain't the most sweetest, peaceful person, never out of humor, never is fussy. She's always kind, trying to do something to help somebody else. Why, she's a credit to any man's church."

HEAR YE HIM [60-0806]

I tell you what we need tonight, is to be so salty, till we make men and women thirst to be like you. Go on, say, "There--if there ever was a Christian, I don't go to her church, but she's really a Christian. There's the man; I don't go to his church; I go to another church, but if there ever was a Christian, there's one of them." **That's what we want.**

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA [60-0401E]

But if the salt's lost its strength, you could pour it all over the meat and it would ruin anyhow.

THE QUEEN OF SHEBA [59-0405E]

And if the Church gets that burden on their heart to **contact someone**, get someone saved, then the strength's coming back into the Church again and into the people.

HEAR YE HIM [59-0424E]

What we need is a love and respect for God and for His people. No matter what they belong to, the denomination, as long as they're brothers they're brothers. We need a love for one another. And **love will contact when nothing else will do it.**

QUEEN OF SHEBA [61-0119E]

Lord, that's what happens to our denominations. They lose their savour. They draw boundary lines, and let none out or none in. Father, I pray, tonight. We know that salt is a savour if it contacts. I pray, God, that this little church and these people will be so salty of the love of God, **till they'll contact every sinner that they can**, with such a life; if they can't preach a sermon let them live one, display a love for God...

AND THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES [61-0212E]

And Father, we pray that You will make us the strength of the salt, and **may we be so desirous to contact the outside world**, that's dying, that it might be a savour to them.

I CORINTHIANS 13:3

*3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, **it profiteth me nothing.***

MATTHEW 24:12 *And because iniquity shall abound, **the love of many shall wax cold.***

CHURCH AGE BOOK

I want to give a warning right here. It says concerning the last days that because of abounding iniquity the love of many will wax cold. In the Laodicean, or last age, self love, and love for material things will take the place of the true love of God. **We need to guard against the power of sin in these last days. So many are getting so hard because they haven't realized the effect of this last day spirit.** It is time to draw nigh to God and let him fill our lives with His love, or we will feel the coldness of the last day church, and reject the truth of God which alone is able to help us.

ADOPTION PT4 [60-0522E]

...there's only one thing that can enter that; that's perfect love. Not because you're loyal to the Branham Tabernacle, or the Methodist church, or Baptist church, them's all right; you should be. But, oh, friends, you've got... Not because you spoke with tongues, danced in the Spirit, because you cast out devils, or moved mountains with faith.

ADOPTION PT4 [60-0522E]

THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done, that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, you **lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you.**