
Our Deepest Longing

“The Word”

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Romans 8:1-2 – “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.”

Romans 8:38-39 - “I am sure that nothing can separate us from God’s love— not life or death, not angels or spirits, not the present or the future, and not powers above or powers below. Nothing in all creation can separate us from God’s love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!”

Common English Version

Humanity’s deepest need is the need to be loved and accepted. Sadly, we tend to look for that love in all the wrong places...in things like hook ups, and recreational sexual encounters...and the reason for this is that we really don’t understand what we are looking for.

What is Love?

Defining Love:

Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs

Webster’s

Strong Affection

Warm Attachment

Affection Based on Sexual Desire

The Danger of Self

Our Personal Focus on Ourselves

Self-promotion/Self-actualization

The True Definition of Real Love

Our Misunderstanding of True Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 “Love is never tired of waiting; love is kind; love has no envy; love has no high opinion of itself, love has no pride; Love’s ways are ever fair, it takes no thought for itself; it is not quickly made angry, it takes no account of evil; It takes no pleasure in wrongdoing, but has joy in what is true; Love has the power of undergoing all things, having faith in all things, hoping all things. (Bible in Basic English)

The Example of Real Love in Action

The Cross

Real Love is Other Focused...Not Self-focused

God promises the love that will meet our deepest longing. That fairy tale true love that we all dream of and hope to someday find...THAT love – HIS LOVE - does exist and is freely available to all who will believe in Jesus Christ.