

A LOVE THAT EDIFIES

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1

INTRODUCTION:

1. The chapter of love is right in the middle of a context in which the writer is addressing miraculous gifts. (1 Cor. 13.1-3,8)
2. **1 CORINTHIANS 12.31:** *“But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.”* Love is more excellent!
3. **1 CORINTHIANS 14.1:** *“Pursue love”* Dioko: Literally, to pursue closely. (cf. Phil. 3.12) **[Read 1 Corinthians 14.1-3]**

I. LOVE MAKES PEACE

- A. **ROMANS 14.19:** *“which one may edify another.”*
- B. We pursue love when we seek to be at peace. (Ps. 133.1)

II. LOVE HELPS ONE ANOTHER GROW

- A. **1 CORINTHIANS 10.23:** *“not all things edify.”*
- B. If I am pursuing love, then I am going to ask if my actions are helpful to build you up. (1 Cor. 8.1)

III. LOVE BUILDS UP THE CHURCH

- A. God established specific positions. (Eph. 4.11,12)
- B. When every member does its part, the result is the edifying of the body in love. (Eph. 4.16; Rom. 12.4-8)

IV. LOVE DOES NOT CARRY A GRUDGE

- A. **EPHESIANS 4.29:** *“good for necessary edification...”*
- B. Do we come to worship and give praise to God while tearing one another down? (James 3.9,10)

V. LOVE ESTEEMS OUR ELDERS

- A. **1 THESSALONIANS 5.11:** *“edify one another”*
- B. When we edify we esteem our elders. (1 Thess. 5.12)
 1. Our elders are among us. (v. 12)
 2. Our elders are over us. (v. 12)
 3. Our elders admonish us. (v. 12)

CONCLUSION: *“Love edifies”* (1 Cor. 8.1)

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MEETING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS : 9:00 AM

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: 9:50 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 7:00 PM

THE INVITATION OF JESUS

The words of Jesus in Matthew 11 is one of the most well know invitations of the Bible. Consider the words offered by our Lord.

What is the invitation offered? The invitation is found in Matthew 11.28 where Jesus says, *“come to Me.”* If you back up to the previous verses, you will find an interesting observation. In verse 27, says *“no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.”* There is no invitation to come to God and reconcile your relationship with Him outside of Jesus. You must come to Him (cf. John 14.6; Acts 4.12).

To whom was the invitation offered? Jesus extends the invitation to *“all who labor and are heavy laden”* (Matt. 11.28). It is offered to those whose are under the yoke of sin (cf. Isa. 1.4; John 8.34). Paul tells us that *“all have sinned”* (Rom. 3.23). Therefore the invitation is offered to all.

What is the benefit of accepting the invitation? Jesus promises that *“I will give you rest”* (Matt. 11.28). The rest that is promised is not found in this life, but in the life to come. The writer of Hebrews tells us that *“the promise remains to enter His rest”* (Heb. 4.1). Paul writes that we will enjoy *“rest when the Lord Jesus is revealed”* (2 Thess. 1.7). Will you accept the invitation? CLP

THE GLORY OF GOD REVELATION 4:11

INTRODUCTION:

1. John was given a view of the throne room of God. (Rev. 4.1,2).
2. In this rare glimpse into heaven, the glory of God is seen.

I. OUR PASSAGE

- A. On the throne.
 1. **REVELATION 4.2,3:** *“One sat on the throne.”*
 2. He is rare and precious. (Isa. 57.15; 45.21,22)
- B. Around the throne.
 1. **REVELATION 4.3:** *“a rainbow around the throne.”*
 2. **REVELATION 4.4:** *“twenty-four thrones...”* (Rev. 7.14)
- C. From the throne.
 1. **REVELATION 4.5:** *“lightnings, thunderings, and voices”*
 2. The very presence of God was manifest. (Ex. 19.16)
- D. Before the throne.
 1. **REVELATION 4.5:** *“seven Spirits of God”* (Rev. 1.4,5)
 2. **REVELATION 4.6:** *“a sea of glass”*
- E. In the midst of the throne.
 1. **REVELATION 4.6-8:** *“four living creatures”*
 2. A reference to the cherubim. (Ezek. 10).
- F. Before the throne. (Rev. 4.9-11; cf. 1 Cor. 10.31)

II. OUR PURPOSE

- A. Be a positive influence.
 1. **MATTHEW 5.16:** *“Let your light so shine before men”*
 2. Context: We are to be a positive influence. (v. 13)
- B. Promote peace among brethren.
 1. **ROMANS 15.7:** *“receive one another...”*
 2. Context: Brethren were divided over opinions. (v. 1)
- C. Worship God.
 1. **2 CORINTHIANS 4.15:** *“cause thanksgiving to abound”*
 2. Context: The gospel promotes gratitude. (vs. 8-14)
- D. Love one another.
 1. **PHILIPPIANS 1.9-11:** *“you love may abound still more”*
 2. Context: Showing love causes God to be glorified.
- E. Use your abilities. (1 Pet. 4.10,11)

CONCLUSION: JOHN 15.8: *“By this My Father is glorified”*

WILL YOU ACCEPT HIS PRICELESS GIFT?

It is extremely valuable. Those who possess it will live forever. They will never experience death. Such an item wouldn't be worth much if the life you live is a life of misery. Who would want to live in pain forever? Who would want to suffer from depression without end? But what if you could live forever and never feel sorrow or sadness. What if you could know that you will never develop cancer or any other disease. Would you be interested in such a thing?

How much would you pay for something that would make you live forever? Such a valuable item would be worth more than any amount of money you could acquire. But what if I told you that this priceless item was already purchased and the one who purchased it is willing to give it freely to anyone who wants it?

You need to know that such an item does exist. It will allow you to live forever in a state of eternal happiness. It has already been purchased and is available as a gift to anyone who desires to have eternal life. All you need to do is reach out and accept the gift so graciously offered. It is the gift of being made right with God, and it is offered to us because of the grace of God (Rom. 5.17).

The psalmist tells us that *“the redemption of their souls is costly”* (Ps. 49.8). It cannot be purchased *“with corruptible things like silver or gold.”* There is only one currency valuable enough to obtain it. And it has already been purchased *“with the precious blood of Jesus”* (1 Pet. 1.18,19). It is Jesus who paid the price for our redemption, and He invites anyone and everyone to claim it for their own (Matt. 11.28-30).

That begs the question: How do you obtain such a priceless gift? Where do you go to accept the gift that is offered? It is not something that you can earn. No matter how much you give or how much you do, you will never be deserving of it. It does not matter who you are, for no one is so important to obtain it on their own merit (Eph. 2.8-10). Everyone great and small is invited to accept this gift by the same method.

If you cannot earn it, how do you obtain it? You have to do what God says to do in order to receive it. You must believe in Jesus as the Christ (Rom. 10.9). You must repent of your past sins (Acts 3.19). You must confess the name of Jesus before others (Rom. 10.10). And you must be baptized (1 Pet. 3.21). This is what God requires everyone to do to accept the gift of salvation. To summarize, you must obey the gospel (2 Thess. 1.8). CLP