

*READ EPHESIANS 3:14; ROMANS 5:5; 1 CORINTHIANS 13*

Recently heard Christian say that the problem is there is too much talk of love. An easy gospel is preached. Preaching an Easy Gospel is not preaching the Truth. We must always preach the whole Truth in love

Sinners dying in their sins cannot hope to have a better resurrection than they have at death. He who abandons the Truth of God renounces the God of Truth. Jesus never watered His words down neither should we. Faithful are the words of a friend.

But We must never stop speaking a message of the love of God. God is Love. Love is His very nature. His love cannot change because He does not change. Devil always has a counterfeit. The

## WEEKLY EVENTS/NOTICES

Week 18

- See how Jesus lived.. see His love and compassion for the poor and suffering... loving His enemies..., dying a death of love.. and when He went to heaven He sent the Spirit of love to banish selfishness and envy and pride and bring the love of God into the hearts of men.
- See how he loved His disciples. We must learn to love one another. Think of how things would change if we showed the very nature of God: We would have wonderful tenderness and gentleness, meekness and humility dealing with people. We would have divine zeal that would gladly sacrifice all things. We would have the divine fire of God breathed into our work
- **IS THIS ATTAINABLE ?**
- Love is the easiest and most natural thing in the world if I have it in me.. a lamb does not need to learn to be gentle or a wolf cruel. If I do not have it I try and try and eventually fail. Andrew Murray asked Is God not able to take such possession of the heart of His child to give His love and His Spirit? God loves to do this above all.
- Why is our love often so cold. Answer is Self-Self-Self. What we must do... confess our need. Then shine the words perfect love into our hearts, then turn the light of the word perfect love into Christ and see what there is in Him . Then shine the flashlight of love that we have shun on ourselves and on Christ and shine it on the world. We must examine ourselves and see where we fail. And find the root of itall. Self is the root. Self cannot love, Will not love.
- God will teach the upright tender heart how to surrender Self. He does it by deep humiliation. Andrew Murray says we cannot do this ourselves. We must bring Self like a criminal and lay it at the feet of Christ. There is no cure for self but death. God alone is the death of self. He must do it. When God brings a man to see all there is in Christ and brings him to receive Christ fully ,the power of Christ's death can come upon him and he can die to sin and if he dies to sin he dies to self. Self is the root of sin . No self no sin.
- Then wait for Him to quicken you from the dead. Nothing less than this is needed if we are to show forth God to the world. We must have Christ's very character formed in us. And God is love. We are to expect great things. We try and fail because we have not believed that the Holy Spirit can pour Gods love in our hearts. This love leaps back to Him in love and overflows Oh Lord please help our unbelief, increase our vision and fulfill your amazing work through our lives. ■

## Events /Notices

- ▶ Week of Prayer begins *Sunday 12th May* and continues until *Wed 15th @ 7pm* each evening.
- ▶ Next Bible Study is on *Friday 17th May @ 8pm*
- ▶ Summerhill Gospel Mission will take place in Academy Plaza Hotel off O'Connell street (date to be confirmed) Please support this outreach from the church by prayer, distribution of invites and attendance.