

## Love Shows

By Joe Chesser

It probably happens most often in college. Your friend walks into the room and you immediately know something is different. There is a radiance that wasn't there before. The eyes are brighter. The face is joyful. There's a bounce in their step. The friend has fallen in love ... and, like Andy Rooney once said, "When you're in love, it shows."

You really can't hide love. It's easy to see when a husband loves his wife. It's easy to see when a grandma loves her grandchildren. It's easy to see when a person loves their job. It's easy to see when a fan truly loves the Cardinals. It's easy to see when a family had a great vacation.

And it's just as easy to see when someone truly loves the Lord. It shows. You just can't hide true love. When you love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind (Mark 12:30) it transforms you.

You will never hide your light behind dark shades, keeping it to yourself, but will expose it for the whole world to see (Matthew 5:15-16). Love shows.

You will never have to be shamed or begged to meet with God's people for worship, study, and fellowship (Hebrews 10:25), but will long to be with the church whenever it gathers (Acts 2:42) – even when it is difficult or inconvenient. Love shows.

Your words will encourage and build, rather than criticize and destroy, no matter what others are saying about you (Ephesians 4:29). Love shows.

You will treat your fellow Christians with greater care and concern than you treat yourself (Philippians 2:3-4). This will be evident to the whole world (John 13:35). Love shows.

You will not get stingy, resentful, or angry when an opportunity comes from the Lord to share your financial blessings with others (2 Corinthians 8:1-5). Love shows.

You will not pass up opportunities to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter strangers, clothe the needy, or visit the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25:34-46). Love shows (and saves!).

You will stay in constant communication with the Lord by prayer and study (1 Thessalonians 5:17; 2 Peter 3:17). Love shows.

You will not keep the saving message from the lost but will share the gospel with all you can for as long as you can (Matthew 28:19-20). Love shows.

Other people can see how much you love the Lord. The Lord can see how much you love Him. The challenge is to be honest enough with yourself to look deeply in your own heart to see if love for the Lord is truly there. Remember, love shows.



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### WELCOME!

#### Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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#### Today's Sermon: *Let's Get Comfortable*

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**Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** We are finishing up the Book of Acts.
- **Wednesday Evening Bible Class: December 16<sup>th</sup>- We will begin our study of Haggai and practice some carols for the following week.**
- **Sojourners: Mike and Nadine Huddleston, Larry and Kay Little and two other couples** hope to be here the last week in June and the first two weeks in July.



### NEWS

- **The church van has been sold for cash and the vehicle is already at its new home in Burdett, NY.**
- **We have invited members of nearby churches of Christ to come sing Christmas songs with us on the front porch at 7pm, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be hot chocolate and cookies too! There is a flyer which will be posted in the foyer.**
- **Paul's sister, Linda Lombardi, passed away Thursday morning while Paul and Dawn were on their way to visit. Linda was on our prayer list because of her cancer diagnosis.**
- **Jackie** is feeling a bit better on her new arthritis medicine. Dara will be helping her out and getting her to her appointments now that Darlene and Doug have traveled to FL until February.
- **Arthur will be preaching this morning.**

## PRAYERS

- Gail Westerhold has asked us to pray for her cousin's wife, **Linda Yale**, who is in Packer Hospital being treated for cancer. She is in a lot of pain.
- Gail also asked us to pray for her neighbor, **Cliff Scalf** who is in the hospital in Towanda with Covid 19.
- **Pray for Paul and for his sister Linda's family that they are comforted in their time of loss.**
- Pray for **G.K. Pennington** and his wife Jo as they deal with his aggressive esophageal cancer. He is being placed on hospice care since his doctors have determined that he is not strong enough to withstand surgery or chemotherapy that is needed to save his life.
- Please pray for **Lori Kashorek** from the church in Plattsburg where her husband Doug preaches. Lori is in hospice care. Pray for peace and comfort.
- **Kevan Barry** in Seattle has been diagnosed with Covid 19. Please pray that he can feel better and return to work as soon as possible.
- **José Rivera**, Molly's husband, has been laid off work until he can stabilize his blood sugar levels. Please pray that he can do that soon.

If you have any PRAYERS or NEWS that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.