

Love in Jesus Christ

1 Peter 1:8-Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory (KJV)

Love in Jesus Christ is essential for believers' healthy growth and development. Believers are blessed to experience the Lord throughout earthly life and beyond. With eyes to see and ears to hear, believers encounter Jesus in everyday life. The Holy Mysteries of the Church afford opportunities to experience Christ. Jesus Christ is in each person met in daily life and throughout earthly life.

1 Peter 1:22- Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: (KJV)

The Holy Scriptures guide believers in putting love in perspective for daily life. Relationships existing in the love desired by Christ are healthy for the believer. A pure heart facilitates development of healthy relationships with each person. Apostle Peter's Epistle serves as a framework for learning about love in Christ. The Church views the Epistle of Peter as being of lasting merit regarding love.

1 Peter 2:17- Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king. (KJV)

Having love in Christ as the basis for relationships is an expectation for believers. Believers are expected to grow in Christ from baptism until earthly departure. Learning to love in ways pleasing to Christ in relationships is always desired. Filling the heart, mind and soul with Christ enables love to abound in life. Renewal in Christ through repentance is the way to fresh start relationships.

1 Peter 3:8- Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: (KJV)

Taking time to learn about love in Christ from the Scriptures provides perspective. The Holy Scriptures offer lasting wisdom that has endured through the centuries. Viewing Christ in each person shapes the personal interaction in relationships. Relationships are influential in personal development and have a lasting impact. Each person will be judged on the nature of personal relationships in earthly life.

1 Peter 3:10- For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: (KJV)

Words, thoughts and actions impact the development and outcome of relationships. Love in Christ makes a difference in the lives of all involved in daily relationships. Communities are stronger when love in Jesus Christ thrives among the inhabitants. Anger, aggression and violence have no place in relationships filled with love. Love and peace abound in relationships founded and formed in Jesus Christ.

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