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LOVE, LIFE,
AND

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Love

We give thanks for God's love, for Jesus Christ who showed and taught us how to love in friendship, family and through universal brotherly love. As Christians, we have the opportunity and responsibility to show compassion and respect to others ... all races, ages, religions, rich and poor, political affiliations and diversity.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Jesus answered, love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all of your soul, with all of your strength and with all of your mind, and, love your neighbor as yourself. **LUKE 10:27**

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

JOHN 13:34

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

Love must be sincere. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. **ROMANS 12:9-12**





Life

Through God's majesty we receive earthly and everlasting life. Christ's teachings call us to protect and support life for all. All life is precious, from the womb to the tomb ... babies, children, the homeless, sick, hungry, orphans, widows and lonely elderly. As Christians, we are Christ's feet and hands.

The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and the man became living. **GENESIS 2:7**

If anyone gives even a cup of water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.

MATTHEW 10:42

And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way, bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. **COLOSSIANS 1:10**

Who is wise and understanding among us? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **JAMES 3:13**

What good is it, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says, "go I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it. In the same way, faith by itself, if not accompanied by action is dead. **JAMES 2:14-17**

This is how we know what love is. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Let us not love with words but with actions and in truth.

1 JOHN 3:16-18





Freedom

Faith in God, trust in His Word and grace, gives us freedom from sin, worry, uncertainty, the unknowns of this world. In our faith, we experience a peace that surpasses all of our attempts to try to make sense out of this world. This freedom provides us a new life and responsibility to worship, serve others and use our talents and gifts in our work, family, church and activities.

In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free.

PSALM 118:5

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teachings you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

JOHN 8:31-32

For those who are in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. **ROMANS 8:1-2**

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us Let him use it to the proportion of his faith. Share with God's people who are in need.

ROMANS 12:6; 13

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. **GALATIANS 5:1**

Let us draw near to God, with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **HEBREWS 10:22**



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