

Beautiful Simplicity and Radiant Love

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A.W. Tozer calls for a return to 'beautiful simplicity' and 'radiant Christian love' in the church, free from artificiality and complexity.

Scripture: Matthew 5:8, John 13:34-35, Romans 13:10, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 4:32, Philippians 2:1-2, Colossians 3:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 4:7-8

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Description

A.W. Tozer expresses concern over a new wave of religion that lacks the essential qualities of purity and righteousness. He longs for a return to beautiful simplicity in faith, reminiscent of Jesus' natural and unpretentious manner. Tozer emphasizes the need for a radiant Christian love that fosters kindness and charity among believers, envisioning a community so filled with love that unkindness becomes impossible. He warns against the artificial complexities that can cloud true spirituality and calls for a restoration of genuine, heartfelt faith in the church.

Transcript

I am afraid of a new wave of religion that has come. It started in the United States, and it is spreading. It is a sort of esoteric affair of the soul or the mind, and there are strange phenomena that attend it. I am afraid of anything that does not require purity of heart on the part of individuals and righteousness of conduct in life. I also long in the tender mercies of Christ that among us there may be the following: 1. A beautiful simplicity. I am wary of the artificialness and complexities of religion. I would like to see simplicity. Our Lord Jesus was one of the simplest men who ever lived. You could not involve Him in anything formal.

He said what He had to say as beautifully and as naturally as a bird sings on the bough in the morning.

That is what I would like to see restored to the churches. The opposite of that is artificiality and complexity. 2. A radiant Christian love. I want to see a restoration of a radiant Christian love so it will be impossible to find anyone who will speak unkindly or uncharitably about another or to another. This is carefully thought out and carefully prayed through. The devil would have a spasm. He would be so chagrined that he would sulk in his self-made hell for years.

There should be a group of Christians with radiant love in this last worn-out dying period of the Christian dispensation, a people so loving that you could not get them to speak unkindly and you could not get them to speak uncharitably.

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