

The Praise of Love

by Clement of Rome

Love is the bond that unites us to God, making us perfect in His eyes.

Scripture: John 13:35, Romans 13:10, 1 Corinthians 13:4, Ephesians 5:2, 1 Peter 4:8, 1 John 2:5

Topics: "Gods Love", "Christian Perfection"

Description

Clement of Rome emphasizes the importance of love in Christ, urging believers to keep His commandments and describing the indescribable bond of God's love. He highlights the beauty and exalting power of love that unites us to God, covers sins, and endures all things with patience. Love is the essence of perfection for all the elect of God, making everything pleasing to Him and leading us closer to the Lord through the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Transcript

Let him who has love in Christ keep the commandments of Christ. Who can describe the [blessed] bond of the love of God? What man is able to tell the excellence of its beauty, as it ought to be told? The height to which love exalts is unspeakable. Love unites us to God. Love covers a multitude of sins. Love bears all things, is long-suffering in all things.

There is nothing base, nothing arrogant in love. Love admits of no schisms: love gives rise to no seditions: love does all things in harmony. By love have all the elect of God been made perfect; without love nothing is well-pleasing to God. In love has the Lord taken us to Himself.

On account of the Love he bore us, Jesus Christ our Lord gave His blood for us by the will of God; His flesh for our flesh, and His soul for our souls.

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