



# RELIGION

**SCRIPTURE OF** THE WEEK:

MATTHEW chapter 6

#### WHAT LOVE CAN DO

Love can overcome all barriers. Love fails not.

Love is not puffed up and our God gives us love and a kind of peace that surpasseth all understandings.

In Genesis the 37th chapter, we read in the 23rd through the 27th verses about Joseph and his brothers. We read how they took Joseph's coat (because of jealousy) and how they threw their brother into a pit. First, the thought of killing him arose; but, they decided to sell him instead. Because...he WAS their brother -- of course.

Then, we read in Genesis the 44th chapter and the 18th through the 34th verses that Joseph is now a man of importance. These same brothers who took their brother's coat, threw their brother into a pit and later sold him are now faced with the task of bringing their youngest brother, Benjamin, to this stranger --not knowing that this stranger is in fact their brother Joseph who they had so wrongly misused. Though injustice had been wrought, justice is being done.

After many years, Joseph and his brothers were being reunited. Joseph held no hatred for his brothers. God, in His infinite interconnecting order of things, has taken something that, to some, may seem uncomely and has made it not just alright -- but, complete. For the Almighty God Jehovah, in the 45th chapter and the 7th verse of Genesis, had set Joseph before his family to preserve life in the land. God's love has conquering power.

In John 10:7-18, the scripture speaks about Christ being a good shepherd. He won't let the robbers and the thieves come in and do us harm. But, if we (the sheep) listen to others claiming they

know the way--we shall be surely devoured.

Only Jesus laid down his life that we might live. He died on the cruel cross just to save us. You and me. What we do in life is not so important and so good. For the scripture says that our righteousness is as filthy rags. We must humble ourselves and seek out Jesus -for, only He can SAVE us.

John 15:12-14 tells us that Jesus COMMANDS, not just if you would like to; but, Jesus commands us to love | 22 one another as He has loved us.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his

Now, we see the supreme love (John 3:16). God so loved this world that He gave his ONLY begotten Son just so we wouldn't perish. He sent him NOT to condemn -- but, that through Him (Jesus) we might be saved.

What a mighty God we serve! God fixed it so...that we might at least have a chance. Yes, this was indeed the ultimate act of love.

Real love, when you receive it, will cause you to do some strange things.....

- feed the poor
- visit the sick
- clothe the naked
- hold the hand of a dying saint visit the prison cells
- pray for a stranger
- have compassion for an enemy - smile when things are far from gay.

Love caused Peter to walk the water and doubt made him sink; but, his love was well grounded because when he saw himself in trouble he cried out "Help me Lord!"

Love caused Mary and Martha to seek out Christ when their brother was dying.

Love caused Christ to weep and then to raise Lazereth from the dead.

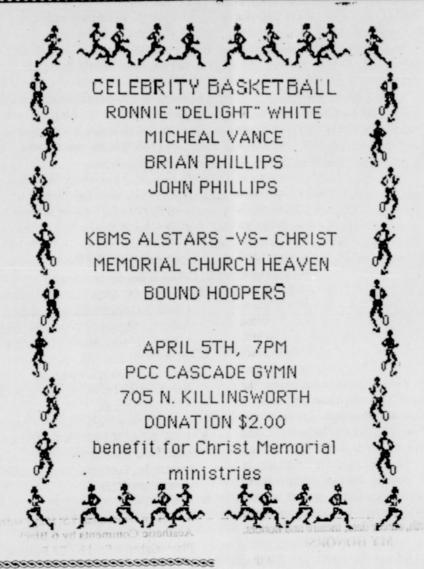
Christ died, He was buried, and He rose. He did all these things just because He loves us, so. .

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