

Words of Wisdom by [John T Polk II](#) For [WECO FM 101.3](#) and [The Fellowship Room](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

2-13-2017 What Love Is

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (**1 John 3:16**).

Love is not flowers, candy, jewelry, or sex. This verse both defines and describes what "love" is. It is a voluntary choice and a commitment. Jesus chose to obey God and die for us. In Wyoming, Illinois, on January 30, 2017, Shelby Ann Carter, forever age 21, strapped her 12-day-old baby in a car seat, broke the 2nd story window of the burning house, and, with her dying breath, tossed her baby to safety. Shelby Ann died of carbon monoxide poisoning. Her mother's love placed the baby's safety above her own. Since Roe v. Wade, with Planned Parenthood's propaganda, 59,000,000 babies have been slaughtered in America -- without love! Shelby Ann should be the hero of all women who conceive.

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2-14-2017 Love Is Not a Valentine

The idol gods Luperus and Faunus - the Roman God of Agriculture, and fictional Romulus and Remus - were celebrated with the "Feast of Lupercalia". The Roman Catholic Church simply added this to their other adopted idolatry by giving it some association to their church! Valentine's Day is that celebration. Love has been reduced to a day of gifts, cards, candy, and jewelry, but the Bible concept has been entirely lost to the public.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (**Romans 5:8**).

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends (**John 15:13**).

Love is that voluntary choice to see that good is done for others, because:

Love does no harm to a neighbor (**Romans 13:10**).

Not for a day, but for a life.

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2-15-2017 Love the church of Christ

As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd (**John 10:15-16**).

“This fold” are the Jews, for:

There was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings (**John 10:19**).

The “other sheep” were non-Jews, or “Gentiles,” to be included through His death, along with Jews, who hear His Gospel.

And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself (**John 12:32**).

Jesus’ blood purchased the church (**Acts 20:28**). “John, to the seven churches” wrote of Jesus Christ as, “Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood” (**Revelation 1:5**).

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2-16-2017 Those Who Love God

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (**Romans 8:28**).

Does this mean that everything in everyone’s life produces good? Only “those who love God.”

1) John wrote:

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (**1 John 5:3**).

[Jesus said:] “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (**Mark 16:16**).

Anyone who makes baptism a “burdensome” commandment keeps a person from loving God!

2) God’s “purpose” is for anyone “to be conformed to the image of His Son” (**Romans 8:29**). In the burial of baptism, a sinner is “united together in the likeness of His death” (**Romans 6:5**).

Is God’s “good” in your life?

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2-17-2017 Fighting God

When I applied my heart to know wisdom and to see the business that is done on earth, even though one sees no sleep day or night, then I saw all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun. For though a man labors to discover it, yet he will not find it; moreover, though a wise man attempts to know it, he will not be able to find it (**Ecclesiastes 8:16-17**).

If Solomon, the wisest man of the Old Testament, did not know everything God does on Earth, what makes us think we can? God proved:

... the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses (**Daniel 4:32**).

Those who have only hatred and violence for the elected officials are fighting against God! If not, why not?

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