

LOVE GIVES Communion 12.4.2020

God so loved the world He **gave** John 3:16

1 John 4:9-10: ⁹In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and **sent** His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 3:16: By this we know love, that he **laid down** his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

Mark 10:45: ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to **give** His life a ransom for many.”

Romans 6:23: The wages of sin is death but the **gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 1:4: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who **gave** Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us ..

Galatians 2:20: ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and **gave** himself for me.

Ephesians 5:1: ²And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and **given** Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5:25: ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave** Himself for her,

1 Timothy 2:6: ⁵For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who **gave** Himself a ransom for all,

God’s very nature is love; He loved us first and this is where our love comes from. **Love gives.**

Luke 22:19 Jesus put it this way. ‘And he took bread, **gave** thanks and broke it, and **gave** it to them, saying, “This is my body **given** for you; do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is **poured out (given)** for you.”

Jesus **gave** Himself – He **gave** us this very opportunity in remember Him; to remember what He gave every time we share the cup and the bread it can be similar to the revelation that the two men had on the road to Emmaus. ‘Were not our hearts burning inside us when He opened up the Scriptures to us?’

This is an opportunity to draw near enough for the vastness of His love to move us...

These handful of Scriptures allows us to see some extent of God’s love... the love of God (not a love that we can grasp in our own understanding) but the love **of God** WHO loves us enough to die for another, to die for another’s sin; to die for **our sin / my sin** ...

John 3:16: ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:10: ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and **sent His Son to *be* the propitiation for our sins.**

God loved and He gave.

God loved and He sent.

Christ loved and He came.

Christ loved and He gave.