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EXTENDED CHARITY

or

(WHEN LOVE PROJECTS)

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"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently. (1 Peter 1:22)

This is an hour when God is calling His people to lay hold of anionian life, and seek for His fulness. There are many aspects of our life being brought into focus under the spotlight of His truth, while the Spirit is soon to be made manifest. Now we are impressed with the following thought: God is going to inhabit a temple, not a church. The church, ekklesia, meaning that which is called out, is only a step in the process of becoming the temple of the Lord. The temple refers to those who have been gathered together, fitted together in one-- in Christ.

Some fold only have the vision of "coming out" and so they are all the time leaving this and that, but then they only mill around in confusion because they don't go on into God, into the realm of spirit where God is able to place them in His living temple. But even now God is bringing a company into the unity of the Spirit and into the bond of perfectness, i.e. completeness - whereby they are being knit together in love into one that they might be "HIS TEMPLE", His gathered together ones, the first step towards the fulfillment of God's mighty purpose of the ages when "in the dispensation off the fulness of times He might GATHER TOGETHER IN ONE all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him." (Ephesians 1:1).

Purifying By Obedience to the Truth

To have this vision of being gathered together in one in Christ certainly necessitates our fulfilling these requirements as given in our text, so let us examine them carefully. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth..." PURIFY - to cleanse or make clean. "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." (1 John 3:3). Now there must be a purifying until every vestige of this carnal mind of ours has been brought into conformity to God's truth. "Casting down imaginations (the margin gives REASONINGS), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled." (2 Corinthians 10:5,6).

We are not required to do anything beyond that which God worketh in us "both to will and to do of His good pleasure." (Philippians 2:13). Some people think it is extra hard to walk this Spirit-walk. It is not, for IT IS GOD THAT WORKETH IN YOU - and you are only required to OBEY AND YIELD to whatever measure God is dealing with you. This is God's purpose and program, and HE doeth the works. We must learn submission to God. That is life's travail, learning to bow in submission instead of arrogantly going our own soulish way. And as fast as we learn obedience to Him, that fast can He bring us into His fulness. Praise His wonderful name.

This is an operation of God and His grace, and if man tries any other way it will come to nought. Self cannot usurp the place which belongs to God and still in any measure come into God's fulness and very image. O to realize that IN OBEDIENCE, by the Spirit yielding to that which God is doing we shall emerge victorious.

BY OBEYING - meaning, a submissive hearkening. As we read in James 1:22, "But be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." We have met some good listeners, and they can even quote back to you all that is said, word for word, but God wants more than our TALK, He wants our WALK to harmonize in conformity to our profession. An inward possession - that measures up to His truth, will then express that that measures up to His truth, will then express that which will glorify God. "To obey is better than sacrifice, to hearken than the fat of rams." (1 Samuel 15:22).

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered." (Hebrews 5:8). So also it's through the things we suffer in our daily travail and chastening that we realize our need for a solid truth which is able to bring us into conformity to Christ. By learning obedience to God and His truth we cleanse ourselves and purify our soul. For being born again, by the Word 1 Peter 1:23, we need to let that Truth accomplish its work in us, "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your soul." (1 Peter 1:9). There is quite a gap between the ultimates of God and our present standing. The end of our hope is secure in God - but faith has a test before we attain to our salvation in full.

Unfeigned Love of the Brethren

"- by obeying the truth THROUGH THE SPIRIT..." In all of our progression into God's fulness we find that it is accomplished in us by the means of the Spirit working, guiding us into all truth. And thus as the Word is quickened to our heart it will bring us to the unfeigned love of the brethren.

LOVE OF THE BRETHREN - Greek word is "philadelphia", meaning "fond affection for one's brethren." It comes from the root word "phileo" meaning "fond affection". As we obey the truth by the Spirit, the more we reach an affinity with one another, those of like precious faith who are also walking this way. But even so, we are forced to admit that there is far too much PUT ON love among God's people in these days. We need an unfeigned love, without hypocrisy, love that can bind us together in greater unity and harmony.

But "phileo" love is limited by the bounds of humanness; it is a human love, brotherly love. We find it easier to love certain types of people more than some others, because their make-up and personality appeal to us more. Others being a strong contrast in person to us, we find it more difficult to love them, and in some cases there is always an outward clash though we made by the church without ceasing until it brought a release from prison for Peter. Such prayer must have the undergirding of divine love if it is to go on and on unceasingly until the victory is obtained.

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Progressing Into Divine Love

Right here Peter changes words for LOVE from "Phileo" to "agape", from fond affection to divine love. This Greek word "agape" signifies the LOVE OF GOD which is full and complete, far transcending all natural love.

Perhaps no one was better able to point out the great difference here than Peter himself after that experience on the lakeshore, as recorded in John 21:15-17, when Jesus asked Peter, "lovest thou Me...? and Jesus used the word for "God's love", but Peter always gave answer using the word meaning "fond affection". When Jesus asked the question for the third time, He dropped down to Peter's language and asked, "Peter, do you really have a fond affection for Me?" And

Peter then was grieved because He asked the third time using the word signifying human, love, for he began to grasp the difference, and to see what the Master was trying to teach him, namely the need for Divine Love so that he would never again deny his Lord, but would have God's strong love to uphold him, no longer dependent only on the strength of human love - so here he exhorts, "See that you love one another with a pure heart fervently."

God now desires to take us beyond all the limitations of human fondness to where we begin to move with that Divine Love which abides. "For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 John 3:11). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love (agapao) the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." (1 John 3:14). "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God." (1 John 4:7). Now we connect the two thoughts together like this: inasmuch as we are being (process) born again by the WORD, and little by little our natural minds are being brought into conformity to the anointed truth, when it fully accomplishes its work in us it will bring us into the full knowledge of our Lord, and into the love of God, which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who also quickens the truth unto us that we might obey it. And we can sum it up with the words of 1 John 5:2 "By this we know that we LOVE the children of God, when we LOVE GOD, AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS."

Fulfilling the Word, loving God, loving the brethren, this is all blended into one great work of the Spirit in us. The proof of how much we are progressing, yea, maturing in our spirit-life, is how much do we really love with God's kind of love? We have possessed very little of this divine love, but we have been far more as the Elder Brother when the Prodigal Son came home. Read (Luke 15:25-30) of the jealous and self-centered attitude of the elder brother against the younger one as he returned from his wayward path of riotous ways. So now, just mention to someone claiming to have some great burden for souls that God will ultimately bring back all creation and you get the same cold reaction, carnal minds never comprehending the LOVE OF GOD.

The Need for Love That Projects

"Love with a pure heart FERVENTLY..." The definition which we generally associate for the word "fervently" is zeal, a boiling expression, etc. but here we have a Greek word that is only used three times in our New Testament, and it is "ektenes" meaning EXTENDED, OUTSTRETCHED. Have a love that extends to meet the need in every situation, bridging the gap and bringing the victory. In the other two references where this word is used we note also this meaning, reading Acts 12:5 "But prayer was made WITHOUT CEASING of the church unto God for him (Peter)". Extended love LOVES WITHOUT CEASING until the goal is reached, even as prayer was made by the church without ceasing until it brought a release from prison for Peter. Such prayer must have the undergirding of divine love if it is to go on and on unceasingly until the victory is obtained.

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Fear Would Hinder, but Love Conquers Fear

When love is projected, outstretched, it opens up the way for grace to be manifested. And even Galatians 5, verse 6, speaks of "faith which WORKETH BY LOVE." It takes the fortification of LOVE to make any effort to be effectual. Often times grace is limited in present workings because the way is closed by FEAR, doubt and hatred, etc. But once love is projected it will pave the way for grace, working on love's foundation, then will be able to perform its task. Love will stand all the consequences and foot all the bills.

"Now fear can keep us from laying hold of grace, but "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear." (1 John 4:18). Fear inhabits separation and separation thrives on ignorance. Man fears tomorrow, but it's mostly because he doesn't know what tomorrow will bring forth. The mysteriousness and uncertainty begins with to make a fertile field for the imagination to run wild and bring forth all kinds of suppositions or fantastic and terrifying thoughts, once fear of the unknown has cast its spell over us. We feel a sudden pain, what is it? Is it serious? Fear can immediately think the worst. Someone is late for an appointment, what happened? An accident? Real trouble? And so fear again causes anxious moments, sleepless nights, until knowledge is gained which gives the explanation.

Fear has no place in God, and when we live in fear we are living outside of God's fulness. "God is love, he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him... he that feareth is not made perfect in love." (John 4:16,18). We need to come into that love which casteth out all fear, and then project that love till it completely covers every situation--then there can be no fear regardless of the circumstances. For he that is perfected in love dwelleth in God, and God in him, so there is no room for fear. Praise the Lord for ever.

If fear rules, then it gnaws into the mind while many turbulent thoughts begin to take over and the tension mounts till we are all tied up in knots and cannot do a thing. Whereas, if love is the principle thing and controlling our lives, then all things must yield unto its influence and ultimately bow in submission. To this extent - that if we could learn to project God's love we could control every situation at home and also abroad. When love is extended it can conquer every circumstance and is neither limited by time nor space. For love is of God, and GOD IS LOVE. This is a solid force because it is God in action. And when love can flow out of our hearts unbounded, it can penetrate any set of circumstances and conquer because it is really God's spirit that is conquering all. Amen.

Ignorance Fears the Truth and Love

Ignorance, not only of natural causes and effects, but also of a heart revelation of truth, is keeping fear alive today. How we need a constant unfolding of the truth. In times past when God gave a fresh revelation people would leap up in boldness to take their stand, but in time fear took over, why? Because they didn't keep up with progressive revelation. God's purpose is not stagnated. He is ever moving forward and revealing His purpose as He goes. Truth is progressive, it is not subjective, but it is objective. You must not subject truth to creeds and dogmas, nor can you, since truth is objective and ever pointing us toward Christ and His fulness. We must not take a certain truth and just build a fence around it and stay there, it shall soon become a bondage to us - but we need to go daily forward from faith to faith till the goal is reached.

Since truth is progressive, then the price for having it is also progressive. Many think that by paying the price to receive one fragment of truth that entitles them to all of it, but not so - a progressive revelation has a progressive price to be paid and ultimately a completed price for we become fully "all His".

There has been that in each of us that has feared the love of God. We have been afraid to contemplate its great conquering power. Preachers are afraid to give out a full love message so instead they preach mostly negatively, condemnation and unbelief. Always what we are not to believe, for we don't believe this or that and the church doesn't stand for this or that. But if we could ever be fully immersed with God's love there is no limit to what could be accomplished. You can't go too far in - there is no fearful "deep end" in the love of God, for love is unlimited and therefore will always triumph. "CHARITY NEVER FAILETH." (1 Corinthians 13:8).

Yes, man has feared the love of God. There has been that in each of us which has shrunk from its cleansing. There is that in us which has shrunk from God's ultimates. We didn't dare ponder

what the scope covers concerning His plan of the ages, or even to begin to acknowledge that He has a plan. But, blessed hour, now HE is unfolding these things and we are beginning to grasp what some of these ultimates really are.

Man has allowed a theology to usurp the truth, and so has been afraid, teaching that the pathway is so dark and fearful, a great falling away - just pray for me, that I'll hold out to the end (end of what?). Living under such a theology and atmosphere only yields more gloom and condemnation and frustration, till the only hope for some was in a false idea of an escape-rapture to a beautiful Isle of Somewhere, where they would be able to cry out "At last, at last I'm home." But man has no overcoming victory under such a negative viewpoint. One only conquers in the realm of POSITIVE, in LOVE; for love is a positive realm, and when we move into the love-realm we begin to overcome, for "charity is the bond of perfectness (completeness)." (Colossians 3:14).

Move into the love-realm and you can go beyond "talk" of overcoming self, and actually begin to manifest a triumphant life. Even our constant "thoughts" on the overcoming of self are negative. But, thank the Lord, one of these days He is going to release us from such limitations of the negative realm into the gloriously expanding realms of the positive, pure and full, love of God. The bursting forth of pure light will immediately dispell all the shadows of darkness within us.

We have moved so long in the shadows, types, allegory and parable realm. But remember, a shadow has one of two fates; either it will be swallowed up with total darkness, or else it will be dispelled completely by light. The warning is that when God begins to give us added light and we refuse to walk in it, then by such refusal we will not only remain in the type and shadow realm, but God will allow our limited light to be turned into darkness, and how great is that darkness.

Yet if we would allow God to lead us on by His Spirit till we come out of the allegories and parables, with all their fleshly ceremonies, and on into the bright, glorious reality of His truth and light, then we will taste of the positiveness and unlimited potentiality of the power of the LOVE OF GOD. God wants us to now come into the place where HIS love can operate in us.

Divine Love Is Imparted By the Spirit

Self-love, the Greek word is eros, is an inherent part of the nature of the natural man. Perhaps some might question if there is any love in some of these darkened creatures which are so filled with hate. But we must remember, when one hates another he is manifesting that he loves himself more - this is self-love in a very perverted form, the form of hate.

Soul-love, manifested in brotherly kindness and a fond affection, is cultivated as we become acquainted with kindred souls, and friendships form through our care and tenderness toward each other. This love can be as weak, or as strong as we exercise ourselves to build it up. It has long been said, a man who desires that love of friendship must shew himself friendly.

But divine-love is a product of the Spirit of God; it is that love which "is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us." (Romans 5:5).

The love of God is shed, i.e. poured out, imparted to us by the Spirit. Thus to keep ourselves in this love it is essential that we keep ourselves in the Spirit of God. Herein lies our battle, and the overcoming process. It is so easy for us to slip from the realm of the Spirit's control into just a soulish existence where we manifest only that which is soulish. Nor is it easy to discern the difference, a highly cultivated brotherly love can appear to be quite spiritual, till it is pressed beyond its limits, then its weaknesses appear, "But as man as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14). And, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." (Galatians 5:25). How imperative! If we are receiving our life out of the Spirit, if our inner man of the heart is that new creation in Christ Jesus, then we must of necessity also WALK, go on,

proceed, make progress in the Spirit. If our life is in the Spirit, but all of our walk is in the flesh, this can only bring forth confusion in its manifestations.

Since the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Spirit, then one cannot properly write about such love without giving due recognition to its source and the necessity of living our life in the Spirit. "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." (Ephesians 5:18). It is not a question so much as to the size of our container, but rather are we filled to the full with the Spirit, or do we contain part of the spirit of the world. Surely the evidence of our being filled with divine love is an evidence that outstrips all other evidences how the Spirit of God is filling and flooding our being with Himself. What shame and reproach is brought upon the "called out ones" of the Lord, because so many do not have this LOVE EVIDENCE of the Spirit in their life. To be claiming to be now filled with the Spirit of God, yet devoid of this love, which is the nature of God, is to do despite to our very confession.

The believer who keeps himself in the love of God is not going to be troubled by those perverted forms of love such as are now rampant in our country. In fact it takes this HOLINESS OF DIVINE LOVE to keep us even while we exercise the "love of the brethren", lest our mutual affection for each other become an occasion for the flesh to work its perversions. God is bringing His children into HIS love, so that we can love one another without the tainting of carnal thoughts, but where we become one in Christ. And because of entering into this union with HIM, and each other who also are members of His body, we find that divine love being shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and HE enables us to overlook the present imperfections in each other, so there is a loving of His love from heart to heart.

Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. Progressively move on into the realms of the Spirit, out of all the shadows and ceremonies, out of all the pretense which has so long beguiled the church, into SPIRIT-LOVE.

Would to God we would learn to live and walk in God's positive realm of spirit, love, and truth. And leave all the forms, rituals, ceremonies which were only to be mediums for the preparation of receiving the clear truth; the shadows and types only portraying greater realities to come. How long must we walk in negative realms, limited confines, types and parables? Is not this the hour to arise and begin to walk in spirit in "God, in love, and in truth? Amen, we believe it is!

Love Blazes the Trail All The Way

Dr. Charles Price made a statement we would quote here: "Hell itself has not fear, no torment, no destruction, for Thou art there. Heaven, earth and hell - God's glory is to fill the universe." - end of quote.

"Whither shall I go from Thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from Thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall Thy hand lead me, and Thy right hand shall hold me." (Psalm 139:7-10).

Wherever you go, God is there. God is love; there is no fear in love. Fear hath torment, but there I no fear in love, for perfect love casteth out all fear. And there is no place that love cannot be projected - there to conquer all. If we could only realize fully how much GOD our God really is. We have limited the Holy One of Israel! Either limited Him to a far away place SOMEWHERE, or else made Him so small down here that we only sought to serve Him on Sunday morning in an hour's ceremony. O' beloved, GOD IS EVERYWHERE, He be not far from every one of us, for "in Him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:28). And where shall we go from His presence? Behold, He is there! Thus when we are perfected in love, there shall be no fear

through we descend to the lowest depths of hell to minister there. Think, for a moment concerning such a ministry as Christ the PATTERN SON had - for we are persuaded that like as He ministered to the spirits in prison, so also the son-company shall project love to the far recesses of Hades to minister to all in need, liberating captives, and bring light to those who sit in the regions of the shadow of death. And there will be no fear, for LOVE casteth out all fear. Even now Christ has already paved the way for us, love has gone ahead to blaze the trail from lowest hell to the highest heaven, and now shall grace abound to all the far-flung corners of God's universe.

God has already projected, extended His love thus far for us - may we not in turn project love also for all the rest of creation? Christ has both descended and ascended, and there is no place that God can send His servants but what love has already blazed that trail, paving the way ahead for us. Oh, praise Him name!

Therefore, though grace may be rejected, scorned, ignored, trampled on and despised, still God's love and suffer it all and yet still further project itself to cover a multitude of sin. "Charity shall cover the multitude of sins." (1 Peter 4:8). "LOVE COVERETH ALL SINS." (Proverbs 10:12). Out of the mouth of two witnesses let it be established, CHARITY NEVER FAILETH, love covers all sin. That's why we shall invade hell, and ultimately empty it of its inhabitants, the conqueror will be LOVE.

What is the great ministry of reconciliation? We read "To wit, that God is in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, NOT IMPUTING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM!" (2 Corinthians 5:19). Love doesn't impute sin, doesn't charge man with his iniquity, LOVE COVERS ALL SIN. O, we'll never understand the scope of God's redeeming work or power until we come into this great God-love that can project itself to cover all. God so loved the world that He projected His own Son into the world, not for the purpose of condemning the world, but that all the world through him might be saved. "And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the WHOLE WORLD." (1 John 2:2).

Therefore when God's purpose of the ages is completed we will find that LOVE will have embraced the world - Lord of all. Thus to come into this great ministry of reconciliation to express the will, mind, and purpose of God towards His creation is to express a love that extends to cover all sins, not imputing, but covering, "teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present EVERY MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS." (Colossians 1:28).

The Word declares that He will PUT AWAY sin, and this is true putting it away, not imputing it but covering all sin so it will never be exposed or brought to attention again. We sometimes wonder why the real move of GOD is so slow in coming, but how can it until men will seek for the fulness of the Love of God, project that love to cover every fallen man and restore every one again to the righteousness of God - by extending charity? This coming love-ministry is a ministry in spirit, where the vessel shall be hid away with God, yet projecting a spirit of love into the universe to lay hold of the ultimates of God and bring them forth to completion. O' to move into the rest of Spirit--to cease from our own flesh-works, beginning to all the Spirit Himself to project THROUGH US a love which flowing out shall reconcile all mankind to God.

Characteristics of Divine Love

Love is a tremendous thing. We often quote, "GOD IS LOVE", speaking so glibly, but not comprehending that great scope of its being. Love is a spendthrift ever giving all and asking nothing in return, and yet with some most mysterious law in its own being it sows the seeds of gain in loss itself.

We have been so afraid to love - to give out, for when we see no immediate results we are afraid they'll be able to bleed us of all we possess, we fearfully draw back and quit giving, afraid to let LOVE stand every cost. Yet, to love is to ultimately win, because for love all loss is gain since ultimately love will conquer and win everything back into its realm again.

When God projected His Son as a projection of His own love, He didn't lose a thing for He will gain a whole wayward creation back again. Loss is negative, loss is temporary. Love's gain is positive and age-lasting.

Christians have been afraid to give because they have a spirit of self-possession. But the working power of love is to give far enough until you have "surpassed" all the need, thus conquering and winning all back again unto yourself. Love knows no bounds, love is an extravagant giver, never keeping cold profit and loss accounts, for with love it is ultimately all profit, since love never fails. It's no idle figure of speech that we read in (1 Corinthians 3:21-23), not clearly - "Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; ALL ARE YOURS and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's". This is glorious and conclusive!

God is not being robbed when He gives us His all, for in due time we shall all redound to His glory, and He shall receive us all back into Himself. "For out of Him, and through Him, and into Him, are all things: to whom be glory for the ages, Amen." (Romans 11:36). Man has been afraid of giving to God the glory and praise that is due unto Him, to acknowledge that HE is fully GOD, and shall be ALL in all. Carnal man still tries to usurp the place that belongs to God, but when this purpose of the ages is fully wrought out in us, there will be nothing selfish or carnal remaining, LOVE has conquered - man, freely, gloriously, yields all into the hands of the Father, Deity reigns supreme. Amen.

The Present, Personal Application

"If thou DRAW OUT thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday." (Isaiah 58:10). Note these words: IF THOU DRAW OUT, cause to go out, begin to project, EXTEND YOUR GOD-LOVE, then shall the blessing of God abound even towards you.

Then have we lost by "drawing out" our soul to all of the needs of the hungry and afflicted ones? No, this only opens the door for LOVE to sow its seed and reap its manifold harvest. Hallelujah! Therefore we yearn for the manifestation of that LOVE-COMPANY of Christ, until love flowing through them becomes as the mighty river of life from God. For everywhere love will begin to flow it will conquer and bear fruit, that life of Christ which will gather together in one, bringing the fulfillment of our heart-cry. "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." (John 17:21).

Love is the strong, irresistible bond that nought can withstand. Not "found affection", but the extending of divine love will conquer all. "See that ye love one another with a pure heart FERVENTLY (with an extended manner)."

BY LOVE
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Can earth be rescued from its doom?
Can hell be emptied of its gloom?
Can death be driven from the tomb?
Can lifeless forms be made to bloom?
Ah yes, the answer is, "By love."

Love can liberate from despair,
Love turns hell to Paradise rare,
Love triumphs over death's affair,
Love 's life is far beyond compare,
And God, our God, conquers "By love."

May love in us be made complete,
May love bring selfhood's swift defeat,
May love clothe us with Christ replete,
May love lead us in worship sweet, --
Then fully His, we'll live "By love."

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