THIS THING CALLED LOVE 1

The word “Love” is used a lot by many people and I know I cannot deal with the subject comprehensively in this short article. But the way the word is used by many today, make it almost meaningless.

To love someone does not mean we will not hurt their feelings. However many people view it that way, but just look at the logic of that kind of thinking. “God is love,” so the Bible declares in 1 John 4:7 and other places.

Does a parent fail to love children because they punish them for misbehavior? Is it evidence that a parent loves his child when they see that child on a path of destruction and correct them? If we really love someone we will do what is good for them, even if their feeling are hurt momentarily. Would you warn a friend you love if something was going to hurt them physically? If you want to see someone in heaven wouldn’t you let them know what it takes to get there? Do you think their feelings now are worth an eternity in torment?

Listen to what the Bible says, “It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence. For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness.” (“Heb. 12:7ff ASV Emphasis mine”)

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