



*A Great Place To Grow in  
Christ  
For the Entire Family*

<b>October 8, 2017</b>
<b>This Weeks Events</b>
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Matthew Chapter 12</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>What Every Saint Needs To See</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>The Grace of Giving</i> —Pastor
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>November 5, 2017:</b> 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale



"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."  
- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service.

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## **God's Love or Self-Actualization**



Ron Coale

*1 John 4:7.....Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

There was a song that was played often when I was growing up which said, "What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No, not just for one, but for everyone." Boy, is it true! Everyone needs a little love.

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Everyone needs to love someone. Without love, human beings just don't perform the way they were designed, and they become frustrated imitations of themselves.

Even though the world is falling apart at the seams, and we all see it coming unraveled before our very eyes, we are not in a hopeless situation. If the people of the world would just focus on loving one another, then all of our social problems of Injustice would be solved. The NFL players unknowingly have this idea figured out. When they link arms one with another in demonstrations of unity, they say they are loving one another. Unfortunately, they are separating themselves from the rest of Americans, and their protests of unity is divisive (Jude 19).

Until people can take their eyes off self and put their eyes on others, without envy or jealousy, we can never hope to have a world free of social injustice. Without the Lord Jesus Christ, love can never be a unifying factor for humanity. Without the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of self will continue to strive for top position among us (2 Peter 3:3).

To love someone is to bear the weaknesses of others. Every person is going to be strong in some areas and weak in others. True love does not just love some things about a person while hating other things about them (1 Cor. 13:4-7). That can be confusing. It can also be selfish, making a person's perception of

love ineffective. In other words, love is wholly encompassing. It is all in or nothing. And, this is what makes it so difficult.

God's love for man is an "all in" kind of love. It is a love that is expressed in the giving of His only begotten Son (John 3:16). Anyone who has ever accepted God's love, has been moved by John 3:16 and 1 John 4:10. Love amongst ourselves is not complete without the love of God (1 John 4:11-13).

Psychologists say that love is an integral part of our being. They place it on the same plane as breathing, water and food. They correctly say that "a person needs to feel love in order to grow" (see Maslow's view of what humans need). Although they are correct in our need for love, they are wrong in the origin of that love. We do not need love to meet our "self-actualization." We need God's love for personal salvation. It is the love of God that transcends all barriers of race, creed or color. It is the only element for the unification of mankind. All other forms of love presented to society are localized, fad-dish or even radically selfish. God brings people together. Man's idealistic forms of love actually splinter man into various "camps" that are perpetually at odds with one another.

The songwriter was truly right. What the world needs now is love-a love for everyone. Only God's love can accomplish this tall order. ~

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1033.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1037.	Don Tripp	His pastors healing from hashimoto's disease.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1041.	Kail	Friend in hospital with eye problem.
1042.	Pastor	Anna's surgery and healing.
1043.	Regina	Lori Sylvia passed away. Pray for her family.
1044.	Pastor	Victims of hurricane in Texas and Louisiana.
1045.	Pastor	Mark Poe-heart attack.

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