

THE SPICE OF CHARITY III

I CORINTHIANS 13:1

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I CORINTHIANS 13:2

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:3

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

PSALM 139:21

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

PSALM 139:22

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

MALACHI 1:2

2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob,

MALACHI 1:3

3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS_ JEFF. IN COD SUNDAY_ 59-0628E
386-119. Can God Who is just, when He could say to Esau or Jacob before either boy was born or done right or wrong, "I hate Esau and love Jacob"? It's because that by foreknowledge He'd knowed what Esau was and what Jacob was.

He knows what's in man. Before the foundation of the world He knowed, He. . .

ABRAHAM'S. GRACE. COVENANT_ MIDDLETOWN. OH FRIDAY_ 61-0317
E-25. Esau and Jacob, before either child was born, had a way to even make a decision what they were going to do,

God said, "I hate Esau and love Jacob. ", because God knew what they were before the world was ever formed..... .

ABRAHAM. AND. HIS. SEED. AFTER. HIM_ BLOOMINGTON. IL SUNDAY_ 61-0416
E-27 He--He didn't say, "Now, I'm going to choose you. And I'm going to send you to hell.

And I'm going to choose you, and send you to hell. " That wasn't God's idea. He wanted all of us to come to heaven. But being God, He foreknew who would come, and who would not come. (talking of Esau and Jacob), God said, "I love Jacob and hate Esau. " See?

His foreknowledge let Him know that their--that Esau was nothing but just a--a little shyster anyhow. And Jacob had recompense to that birthright. So see, His foreknowledge lets Him know. If He didn't know the end from the beginning, then He wasn't God. See? And the Bible said that we, the Church.

MATTHEW 5:43

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy.

LEVITICUS 19:18

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

"Their fidelity," says Tacitus, "is inviolable, and their pity ready towards one another; but unto all others they bear an implacable hatred. "

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The Manual of Discipline from Qumran contains the following rule:
". . . to love all that He has chosen and hate all that He has rejected"

THESE WERE THE ESSCENES

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ROMANS 12:20

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

ROMANS 12:21

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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MATTHEW 5:45

45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

MATTHEW 5:46

46 For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?

MATTHEW 5:47

47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?

MATTHEW 5:48

48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

This word commonly means finished, complete, pure, holy. Originally it is applied to a piece of mechanism, as a machine that is complete in its parts. Applied to men, it refers to completeness of parts, or *perfection*, when no part is defective or wanting.

LUKE 6:27

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

LUKE 6:28

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

I JOHN 2:9

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

To be *in the light*, signifies to be under the transforming, governing power of it.

I JOHN 2:10

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

I JOHN 2:11

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

I JOHN 3:15

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

I JOHN 4:20

20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

THE. PROPHET. ELISHA_ CHICAGO. IL FRIDAY_ 54-0723

E-7. You can't associate night and day together. Neither can you associate belief and unbelief together. And--and when you find unbelief, it's accompanied by hatred.

If you find faith, it's accompanied by love, for love creates faith. And without faith, why you can't have love.

THE. SEAL. OF. THE. ANTICHRIST_ LA. CA FRIDAY_ 55-0311

E-66. Brother, by their fruits, you'll know them. Who--what was that? Lucy, something about Lucy, or something like "I Love Lucy. " Some of them programs like that. I don't watch her nonsense. I read my Bible; I love to serve the Lord.

Amen. Yes, sir. Amen. That's what we need today. That's what you're getting out of will of God. That's where you've moved back. No wonder you can hate your neighbor, and everything else, and still carry on like that. You can't have the love of God in your heart and do that. That's right. Amen.

THE. SEAL. OF. THE. CHRIST_ LA. CA SATURDAY_ 55-0312

E-31. God's Life is in the individual. And you're sealed by It until the day of redemption. That's the seal of God. And when you do, you become Christ-like. You love those that hate you. You're for one purpose,

do the will of the Father. Bring in all the brothers, put your arms around your enemies and love them.

FELLOWSHIP. BY. REDEMPTION_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-17 SUNDAY_ 55-0403

193. A peace that passes all understanding comes in, till you can hate no more, you can envy no more, until something that makes you love the worst enemy you ever had, not imagination,

something that'll keep you from talking about the neighbor that persecutes you, something that'll make those. . . love those who despitefully use you. It'll make you pray for those who are indifferent and ugly towards you.

FELLOWSHIP. BY. REDEMPTION_ JEFF. IN V-26 N-17 SUNDAY_ 55-0403

199. You can't love God, and hate at the same time. Bitter and sweet water won't come from the same fountain. You can't have speaking in tongues and Divine healing in the church,

and still envy and strife and malice and hatred. You can't do it. It won't mix. God will pull it out just as sure as the world.....

A. HIDDEN. LIFE. IN. CHRIST_ SAN. FERNANDO. CA THURSDAY_ 55-1110

E-47. Many people tonight who shout and speak with tongues and run up-and-down the aisle, and hate their neighbor. That has. Brother, you're lost yet. That's hard to say, but that's the truth. Right. Overcome.

You can only overcome when you. . .
You say, "I'm eating manna, glory to God. " Yes, but look what happens from one day to the other. You get the miss-meal cramps. Come on in where the manna's fresh all the time. Whether your neighbor treats you right or not, you'll love him anyhow.

That's right. Whether he agrees with you or not, you love him anyhow. That's the way you got to do it. That's the hidden life. That's that consecrated life.....

SHOW. US. THE. FATHER. AND. IT'LL. SATISFY_ SPINDALE. NC SUNDAY_ 56-0422
E-88 Create around you love. . . Who could deny this great love? Listen just a moment what a great love is.

Love will conquer, where hate and malice, and creed, debate, and fuss will drive away. Love will conquer.

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. FOUR_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0901E
238 When he hears "Your Voice," harden not your heart. Then you say, "Yes, Lord, I believe. " Then you enter into Life, the Holy Spirit comes into you. Your old spirit dies out, that makes you lust and hate, and malice and enmity,

and--and hatred and all them things, dies away. And you become full of love, joy, peace, resting.....

HEBREWS. CHAPTER. SIX. 2_ JEFF. IN HEB SUNDAY_ 57-0908E
495. the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, goodness, peace, gentleness, meekness. And the fruit of the enemy is enmity, hatred, malice, strife, and so forth; that's the fruit of the enemy.

" So, you can judge by the way you're living, where you're standing with God. If your whole heart is in love with Him, and you love Him and are gentle, and live with Him daily, you know

you've passed from death unto Life. If it isn't, and you're otherwise, you're just impersonating a Christian.

QUESTIONS. AND. ANSWERS_ JEFF. IN COD WEDNESDAY_ 59-1223

475-36. And you never cast a devil out by the wrong attitude. It takes love to do that. And love is the most powerful force that there is in the world. Now, if you notice, a devil is always hate.

Hate is of the devil. And when people hate someone, remember it is a terrible devil to despise or dislike. You mustn't do that.

CONFERENCES_ PHOENIX. AZ SUNDAY_ 60-0228

E-22. There's where the Holy Spirit works. Make you do things that you didn't think you ever would do. It'll make you repent and go back and shake hands, and make up with people, that you could join church and still call yourself a Christian,

and hate down in your heart, but you can't be led of the Holy Spirit and do that. You can't do it.....

THAT. DAY. ON. CALVARY_ JEFF. IN V-2 N-5 SUNDAY_ 60-0925

15-6. You are sons. You're taking Christ's place. You are sons; so don't live for yourself; live for others.

"Well, Brother Branham, I can live for this brother because he sure is a nice man. " That's not it.

Live for that man who hates you. Live for that person who'd kill you if they could. That's what they done to Him. They killed Him, and He died that He might save them. That's Eternal Life. When you--that's in your bosom, you're facing heaven then.....

THE. SMYRNAEAN. CHURCH. AGE_ JEFF. IN ROJC 185-227 TUESDAY_ 60-1206

56. Don't let no root of bitterness ever get into your soul. If you do, it'll canker you. Right. Keep love. I don't care how much people hate you; you love them anyhow. If you can't do that, you need--you didn't—you

you ain't sealed; you got a loose place yet. So come on back and get that sealed up right good with the Blood of Christ. It'll cleanse you from all roots of bitterness. Yes.

REMEMBERING. THE. LORD_ JEFF. IN V-13 N-2 SUNDAY_ 62-1209

102. If you dwell in love, you dwell in God, for God is love. They that dwell in God dwell in love. See? And love has no hatred. Love is not jealous. Love is not puffed up. Love doth not misbehave itself.

Love is always gentle, sweet, forgiving, kind. No matter how bitter the others is, love remains itself. Love is the ultimate of grace.

CHRIST. IS. THE. MYSTERY. OF. GOD. REVEALED_ JEFF. IN V-3 N-7 SUNDAY_ 63-0728

86. "Lord, don't let me never have the root of bitterness spring up, 'cause it'll--it'll affect him, and it'll take the Christ right out of my life. " That poison acids of malice, and jealousy, and hatred, that will

just take the Holy Spirit right away from you. It will run Him from the tabernacle here. It'll kill the Spirit of God, or drive It away from here, hurt you pastor. It'll do everything. See? Don't you do that.....

PARDON_ TUCSON. AZ MONDAY_ 63-1028

175 "How can you hate your brother who you do see, or despise him, and say you love God Who you have not seen? You become a liar, and the Truth is not in you. ".....