



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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I pray this monthly newsletter finds you having a lovely day as you walk along with Jesus Who is your Life!

Thank you for praying and supporting me in this ministry of preaching the simple gospel to those who are lost, and encouraging those who are saved in who they are and what they have in Christ.

You see there are really only two kinds of people on the earth, lost (without eternal life) and saved (with eternal life). Our primary goal as children of God should always be to see souls saved! All else is secondary to this.

Here at Abiding Above, we do this primarily through means of radio and the Internet. When I preach a sermon, my personal assistant Carolyn Alsip, takes that sermon, edits it, and makes it ready for the radio. We house all of these sermons over the years on our Internet website [www.abidingabove.org](http://www.abidingabove.org). You can go to our website and click on the podcast to sign up for regular sermons delivered to you via the Internet through iTunes. Also, if you would like for us to send you our tract "*How Can I Get To Heaven*," please write to us at the address below or by email through our website. We will send some to you for free! You might also consider going to our YouTube account and linking to others our video "*How Can I Get To Heaven*." It is a great and simple way to share the gospel with your social media friends.

My friend, we are to be Christlike, but before we can become Christlike in our living, we must understand what Christlikeness means. There must be the desire. This desire will involve doing on our part, but as we know, the doing is based on the indwelling Holy Spirit, and is according to the doctrines of God's Holy Word.

**1 Corinthians 12:31** says, "*a still more excellent way.*" This has also been translated "*a still higher path.*" Another translates it, "*A way which surpasses them all.*"

God wants us to live the "**high level**" Christian life, which greatly depends on our "**love level.**" The "**love level**" of life is the highest level of existence. It is having life and "**having it more abundantly.**"

To live life on this highest plane, this higher path, this way, which passes them all will involve our character, our conduct, and our conversation.



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All of God's children should give great attention to this "**more excellent way.**" This "**more excellent way**" involves the "**greatest of all things**" the divine agape love, which flows from the source, Who is God. The love chapter teaches us that we should "**make love our aim.**"

This is what Paul is talking about when he says, "**pursue love**" in **1 Corinthians 14:1.**

Psychologists in our day tell us that there is really only one basic human urge, the desire to love and be loved.

Henry Drummond in his classic, *"The Greatest Thing In The World"* says, *"No worse fate can befall a man in this world than to live and grow old alone, unloving and unloved."*

Notice again in **1 Corinthians 13:13** the last part of the verse - *"the greatest of these is love."*

My friend, this should get our attention. It should cause us to wonder why this is. What God says in His Word is absolutely the truth.

Notice again in **1 Corinthians 13:8** – *"Love never fails..."*

The builder of the Titanic said it was impossible to sink it, but it happened. In contrast, God says in His Word that ... Love never fails. So it cannot!

Let's pursue love as individuals! Let's pursue love as members of the body of Christ! This love is God's love, agape sacrificial love. It is divine. **John 3:16** - is perhaps the greatest expression written about this love ... *"For God so loved the world; that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."* It is not out there somewhere! It is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 5:5** – *"...and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."*

My friend, our thoughts should be under the control of the Holy Spirit continuously.

Pray for me and I'll pray for you that we might walk in this more excellent way, a walk by the Spirit of an all loving heavenly Father.

Thank you again for your support. We need you!

Abiding above,



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Colossians 3:1-3