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An Abounding Love

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A letter of love in gratitude and thanksgiving.

I long to enjoy your warm and elevating fellowship!

1. Beulé: GR. SPLAG-KNA or upper
viscera = heart, liver, lungs where the
Greeks believed the feelings, emotions and
affections originated. Love?

2. In the bowels of Jesus Christ.

Other translations?

a. In the tender mercies. - of Jesus
b. In the tender heart. - of Christ.
c. With deep and affection of the Lord,
d. With the affection of Jesus Christ
Himself. Give you like Jesus does!

II. Bro. & Sis. His Nichols saved the
Jasper, Ala. Church as Jesus did!

1. Bldg. program. Made first gift. one
year's salary. Urged others to do same.

2. Okla. City. To. duct. at airport.
Bought this. Policy before take off.
$100,000 policy. If I die the bldg.
will be paid off. Endowed to church.
will never ever burden the flock.

3. Three weeks before his stroke.
Came. The bldg. is debt free.
He died relieved. Contented. Happy.

We greatly longed for the Athens Church
in the David (love) of Jesus Christ!
VII. Prayer: Your love abounds in knowledge and judgment.

1. **Abound How?** Know each other better!
   Work together more! Remember you are going to be together in Heaven forever.

2. **In Knowledge:** Blind love is no love at all. John 17:3. Intelligent affection!

   - Love makes us want to know Jesus better. Daily reading! He's precious! Precious!
   - More we know Jesus the more sensitive our conscience becomes. To displease Him is unthinkable! John 14:15.
   - Better we know each other the more we love and appreciate one another.
   - The more sensitive we become of each other's needs.

3. **In all Judgment:** Reason right is right and wrong is wrong!
   Know right is right and wrong is wrong!

VIII. Approve things that are excellent.

1. I Cor. 12:31. True love is the excellent way. I Cor. 13.

   - High order of not excellent without love!
   - Thrilling prophecies not excellent unless from a loving prophet.
   - Powerful understanding and great faith not excellent unless exercised in love for good of others!
Only love approves things which are excellent.

B. Ye may be sincere till the day of Christ (without offence).

1. Pure and blameless. Earnestly desire.
2. Inoffensive to others.  

Also: a Christian may be pure, faultless, yet who is so harsh and critical of the weak, the ignorant, the faltering, that he drives men away from goodness.

This is why Paul says, "I pray that your love may abound yet more and more." — John 13:35.

W. God's Way to Happiness & Peace


Chicago newspaper headline: "Two working nephews foundmentally ill in Kansas.
Dr. K. and 11:00 called "the meat treatment.

Atmosphere, attitude, sympathetic understanding!" — Some face of church.
FREEDOM — FRIENDSHIP

Church saved? That depends upon attitude toward the finished work. Salvation is a work of God, but in order, for salvation the individual must have faith in what is accomplished.—William Scroggie, in Grace and Friendship.

Four Freedoms

The Four Freedoms, date from the Bible: Freedom of speech, Acts 4:1; Freedom of worship, Matt. 22:15; Freedom from fear, Isaiah 41:10; Freedom from want, Deut. 28:1.

FRIENDSHIP

Friends

Friends are like vermin that perish. in the dark. True friends are like ivy that cling to the tree in its decay. True friends are like the light of phosphorus: in the dark.”—Selected.

“A friend is one who knows all about you and loves you just the same.”

I would rather have a friend and not a penny, than all the world and not a friend.

You can trust a friend in the light or in the dark; in your presence or in your absence; at home or abroad, any time, anywhere.

The value of a friend is inestimable.

A friend does not merely happen to be; is not bought with money, or the price of wealth; is not made to be a friend by force, but is a friend for friendship’s sake only.

A friend magnifies not the dross in you, but polishes the gold.

Heat and cold and darkness, height and depth, length and breadth of space, are no barriers to friendship.

The love of true friends is not easily broken, but it grows stronger with each sacrificial test.—William N. Browning, in The Gospel Trumpet.

Gold cannot buy it,

Poverty try it;

Thrift may not cheapen it,

Sorrow must deepen it;

Joy cannot lose it,

Malice abuse it;

Wit cannot choke it,

Folly provoke it;

Age can but strengthen it,

Time only lengthens it;

Death cannot sever

Friendship forever;

Heaven’s the true place of it,

God is the grace of it.

—Presbyterian Standard.