

CLASS: SS1

SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

TOPIC: GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN

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MEANING OF LOVE

Love is the affection of a person toward another, this affection can be expressed in the form of caring for another person's well-being. It can entail making personal sacrifices for other. In human relationship, this is always great degree of love between a child and his parents. In the way, God being the creator of the Universe has great love for His Creatures, particularly man.

GOD'S LOVE FOR MAN

(JOHN 3:16-18)

God's love for man started from the creation of the world. Man was the only creature God created in His own image. When He created man, He gave man dominion over all other creatures. God, in His deep love for man, sent His only son Jesus Christ into the world to die and shed his blood to save man from sin and for man to gain eternal life. The gospel of John, summaries this as follows:

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have Eternal life. For God sent the son into the world, not to condemn the world, But that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in Him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only son of God".

SIGNIFICANCE

Having seen the love of God for mankind, Man can only show his appreciation for God by maintaining intimate relationship with God, worshipping and praising Him for His love and kindness.

JESUS MESSAGE OF LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER (JOHN 13:34-35, 15:12-13)

Jesus message of love emphasized the need for us to love another as Jesus loved us. Jesus put this in form of new commandments when he said:

“A new commandment I gave to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you that you also love another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”.

The disciples being referred to here are the present day Christians.

Significance

1. Christians should endeavor to live their life according to the gospel of Jesus Christ which is love. They should not discriminate in their show of love.
2. Jesus continually showed love for men by providing for their needs spiritually and materially. Christians should then reciprocate the love of Jesus by showing love to one another through caring, donating to social welfare, taking part in evangelism, sponsoring fellowship and other activities in the church.

ASSIGNMENT

List and explain the four types of love