



# Looking Into Love

Weakness of human, romantic love:

- ! thrives on feelings as the basis of its commitment and becomes unreliable if the feelings diminish or dull.
- ! seeks to feast on what is delicious to its own tastes and appetites but fails to seek the nourishing and up-building of another.
- ! seeks perfection and becomes angry when it does not find it.
- ! seeks to find beauty in outward appearance only and becomes unthankful, discontent, and dissatisfied when it fails to find its outward standard.
- ! is satisfied only when its own needs are met and becomes unthankful and angry when it has to seek the good and interest of others' needs.
- ! is fleeting in nature and cannot last every moment.
- ! will eventually fail.

God's love, as seen in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, is the only material that can build a Christian home and marriage into the beautiful house God intended.

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels.....if I have the gift of speaking great revelations and know all mysteries and knowledge and have the all faith to move mountains.....and give my body to be burned..." and do not have the love of Jesus Christ being produced in my yielded heart (by the power and indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit), then it is nothing. It is this love that empowers one to deny oneself for the sake of a loved one.

*Now, here is a picture of divine love, which alone can hold and beautify a marriage and Christian family.*



Strength of Divine Love:

- ! patiently and meekly bears ill-treatment by others.
- ! is full of kindness and gentleness, permeating the whole nature, mellowing all that would be harsh or austere and dominating.
- ! is never jealous or envious. Love does not brag, show-off, nor is ever self-seeking or egotistical.
- ! does not become easily irritated, provoked, or aroused to anger.
- ! does not remember wrongs committed against it, but is forgetting and forgiving.
- ! bears all things, all circumstances and never loses heart.....love never fails, no matter what happens!!

May the Lord give us this love, more and more. Amen.