

Having an Unconditional Love

Let's compare ourselves with Kelly (a guest who was staying with us). How do we differ from him? We have the Holy Spirit. What would you do for your brothers that he wouldn't do? We die daily for one another. We don't have conditions on our love, but we have a sacrificial love for one another.

What keeps Kelly from being our brother? Would he give up his life for us? If he wouldn't he hasn't been reconciled to our Father yet.

Agape love is defined in 1 Jn 3:16. We know love by this definition of the love that proves you've passed out of death and into life. 1 Jn 3:14 — This is the standard of whether we have passed out of death and into life (if we have this kind of love). If I have this kind of love I would die for my brother if it came down to that. If we have that kind of love we have passed out of death and into life. Do we have that sacrificial love for our brothers like our Master had for us? (Larry Davis and James Howell didn't. They showed they didn't have this kind of love because they left.) Do we love this way? Jn 15:13 — The proof that we have this kind of love. *Agape* love is the greatest love we can have in our hearts. Jn 15:14 — We are His friends if we love one another just like He loves us. A friend loves at all times. Is there anyone you wouldn't lay down your life for? Is there someone you're not sure of? Is there someone here that you think, "I don't know if they've passed out of death and into life." Would you lay down your life for Kelly? For your son? For your husband? For everyone here? You shook your head more for some than others. We have to face it — we have varying degrees of love for one another. How will all men know that we're His disciples? By having an *unconditional* love for one another, a love that doesn't demand a grateful response.

How do you know that your brother has passed out of death and into life? Because you see him laying down his life every day for his brothers. What do we think about our brothers? Would they ever leave us, betray us and turn against us when the end comes and their love grows

cold? Do you think you've received the Holy Spirit? If you were to take a lie detector test, would you pass? We know — that needle is right there in our conscience. Where would you spend eternity? Have you passed out of death and into life?

No one can say that Yahshua is Sovereign except by the Holy Spirit. Can you say, “Yahshua is my King, my Lord!” Now say it and take a lie detector test. You really can't say it without the needle going this way if you're lying. If we have passed out of death and into life we can say that Yahshua is the absolute Ruler in our lives with no strings attached. How do you know you've passed out of death and into life? Because you lay down your life for your brothers. If that's the truth in our lives then we've passed out of death and into life. Would you die for them if need be? We know we've passed out of death and into life if we have an *unconditional* love for our brothers. We can *actually know* if we have or not by what we do, not by what we feel.

If you hang on to your life you'll lose it. Do we hang on to our lives? Is our love conditional? Do we love sometimes and other times we don't? If you don't love you remain in death. How do you really know that what you believe has gotten you eternal life? 1 Jn 3:16 — *Know* means assurance, confirmed. You can have all the right answers, but your love has to be proven. The only way to know if we have an unconditional love for our brothers is to actually *do* it. Some of us could actually be Christians just believing in our minds and not our hearts. They don't prove their love by what they do.

Has faith come to you? Are you willing to do His will? What is faith? It's the needed illumination to know that the words you are hearing are true. If you were in the ocean drowning you'd know you needed to be rescued. There would be no doubt.

Those who have passed out of death and into life know what they can do. We confess Him as our Sovereign. Our Master loves us. He chose us and drew us to Him. He shed His blood for us. He'll never leave us or forsake us.

If we have passed out of death and into life we'll love as He loved us. We'll have an unconditional love for our brothers.

Let's pray for Kelly and intercede for him that our Father can reveal Himself to him. He wants him to be saved so he can love Him throughout all eternity.