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Add to brotherly kindness Love - 2 Peter 1:6

2 Peter 1

3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

2 Peter 1

5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love.

2 Peter 1

8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

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10 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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1 John 4

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1. Love comes from God

1 John 4

9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

2. God communicates His love to us through the cross

1 John 4

11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

19 We love because he first loved us.

2A. We can love because He first loved us

16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us.

Philippians 2

1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

2 Corinthians 1

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

1 John 4

16 Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. 17 By this is love perfected in us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment

18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear

2B. We can love because He has loved us perfectly and we have no need to demand that others love us

10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

Have you ever been wrongly accused by someone close to you?

Have you ever been cheated or stolen from by a friend?

Have those close to you ever mocked or ridiculed you?

Have those who know you best ever not trusted you?

Have you ever been ignored and unappreciated?

1 John 4

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17 By this is love perfected in us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

2C. We can love because we have been crucified with Christ – we are living His life

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Colossians 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Romans 6:11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2

2 ... make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. 5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

Philippians 2

6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped;

7 but emptied himself, by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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