

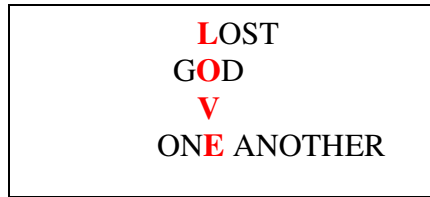
The Most Excellent Way The Core of Our Vision – Love

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The vision and mission of Christian Family Fellowship Int'l is rooted in 2 primary principles in the Word of God

1. The Great Commandment
2. The Great Commission

The core of our vision is Love.



Love is the center quality of our walk with God.

- **Why** : because God defines himself as Love
- *1 John 4:8*
- The central, core quality of God is love.

If you take H₂O out of Water it isn't water.
If you take love out of who God is, then He isn't God.
But H₂O is water: exactly
God is love

Water can have several forms:

- Fluid
- Ice
- Gas
- But it's always water

God has many other qualities:

- Compassion
- Justice
- Healing
- Discipline
- Creation
- Judgment
- Holy
- Omniscient

But at the core of who He is, He is Love.
His compassion is love & His justice is love.
His healing is love / His love is healing.

His discipline is love & His judgment's are love.

God created us out of love, to be loved, and to love.

- *Jeremiah 31:3*
 - ¬ Doesn't quit or give up
 - ¬ Unconditional

God can't stop being God

God can't stop loving you

Love is the central core value of life.

Jesus put love in the center of everything we do.

- *Mark 12:29-33*

- It's not what we do that has merit but whether it is done with love.
- It's not what we say but did we say it with love
- It's not whether you come to church but do you come to be with the body of Christ
- It's not whether you tithe but did you give with love.
- It's not whether we're servicing our wife/husband or children but are we doing it with love.
- It's not whether we evangelize but whether we do it with love.

“People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care”.

People know when you really care about them.

They need to “feel the love”

God also knows if our heart is performing out of law or love.

- *1 Samuel 16:7*

Love is the heart of the issue

- Take love out of a marriage and all you have is a living arrangement.
- Take love out of the home all you have is an orphanage or a rooming house or worse a prison.
- Take love out of the world and you have work and war.
- Take love out of church life and you have rules, regulations,
- All = RELIGION

Take all our gifts; all our time; all our money; all our talent; all our effort, put them all together in anything we do or into any relationship.

Then take out love.

It's like taking out...

- The silver out of our coins
- H2O out of water
- The coffee out of Starbucks
- Food out of grocery stores
- Money out of a bank
- The Ball out of Football

Here's how God says it in His Word:

- *1 Corinthians 12:31*
- *1 Corinthians 13:1-3*
- God calls it "The Most Excellent Way"

How's your love quotient?

Do you have gaps in your ...

- Love for God?
- Love for one another? (spouse, child, family)
- Love for the lost? (friends, co-workers, neighbors)

We are born with an empty love tank.

Unless God put His love in me and I receive it I stay empty.

We can only give to God, others, and the lost around me the love I receive from Him.
He is Love – the source

The good news is:

- God's love can be received and known through His Son Jesus Christ.
- *John 3:16*

You may have received Jesus as your Savior, but have you received the "SO LOVED" part of the gift?

Receiving Jesus as Savior I receive the removal of all guilt and punishment for my offenses against Him.

You and I were filled with:

- Hurt
- Guilt
- Death
- Self

That's gone - Jesus took it out.

Now after His forgiveness/ back to the beginning - we're empty – washed clean, prepared to be filled.

Filled with His love.

Prepared to receive the Love of Christ.

Paul leads us in a prayer to receive the fullness of God's love.

- *Ephesians 3:16-19*