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It's about learning to dance in the rain

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Rx For The Soul

Glory to God!



To be a Christian means  
to forgive the inexcusable  
in others because Christ  
has forgiven the  
inexcusable in us.  
C. S. Lewis

By mercy and truth, iniquity  
is purged, & by fear of the  
Lord men depart from evil.  
Proverbs. 16:6  
... You will find me when  
you seek me with all your  
heart.. Jer. 29:13



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best  
is yet  
to come...

Our God Reigns

## An UnCommon Love

I discovered recently that there's going to be a lot of love in the "last days."<sup>1</sup> It was shocking! But...it's not a good kind. People will be lovers of self, lovers of money, lovers of pleasure, but *not* lovers of good or lovers of God. They also are without natural affection of family or children.

Thru entertainment, TV & everyday culture, society has clouded this topic reducing love to where it is only deemed as physical. The result is it's become **common**, which means 'ordinary, without special rank, showing a lack of refinement; vulgar.'

It doesn't help that TV and entertainment casts love most often in a romantic setting.

Everyone naturally looks for love from childhood up. We are social beings by design. But because of our failure to understand that there are different kinds of love, our children become confused... because **we're** confused! Scripture says there are different kinds of love starting with family love, tender affection for friends, and also the love of God. Meantime, the world conveys erotic kind of love as the main objective in life! Even in Ads!

I've experienced this distortion personally, living in a loveless home. But if we learn the boundaries each kind of love owns, we can find real fulfillment. I have.

Due to our confusion, many times we unwittingly come across to others as "needy", repelling instead of attracting others. People are naturally attracted to others who are confident & decisive. We mature by getting out of that "it's all about me" rut to discover that other people are actually interesting! *Usually*.

For example: I used to take a cherry pie to new neighbors

A friend who observed this said, "No one has ever brought *me* a cherry pie." How many had she hand - delivered? Her thinking was only inward here.

Studies show the simple act of expressing gratitude towards people whom you love will generate a spike in happiness for them. So...

*An uncommon love is always about someone else* ....more than self, yet reaps endless benefits to the giver.

*An uncommon love lacks ulterior motives.* "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you..."<sup>2</sup>

It seems the world often wants to cheapen high morals, and to coarsen love. NAMBLA, North American Man Boy Love Association is a group who's worked to make sex between men and boys lawful in the past 20+ years. Even the American Psychiatry Association has at times come along side them to push for it. This week, I read that far left gays are doing the same...including all children. *Talk about cheapen.*

I had the privilege of holding a newborn during the holidays. Hearing her sighs & coos next to my ear, there was nothing that expressed it for us ...except 'precious.'

Yet - another word struck my heart as well. **Innocent!** Her little ears still virgin to coarse talk. Her little eyes fixated on her mother - - who had **milk**, by the way.

*Uncommon love is holy.*

Society has become so jaded, we must now look for innocence - (perhaps I held the only innocence in the world *in my arms*. When I held her, I felt close to God).

*Uncommon love isn't natural - it's supernatural.* It surpasses natural ability or design. It flows thru us, not from us, as mere vessels of it.

*Uncommon love is elusive.*

C. S. Lewis explains this: "Human History is the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy." So... it is elusive due to our own resistance! It's difficult to find, catch or achieve. It saddens me that some never find it, for looking in all the wrong places.

It isn't found on match.com or in new neighbors or sports bars. Not in support groups, and not in many churches!

*Uncommon love is a Pursuer.* Wait...! You just said it was elusive! Yes. But... Uncommon love has been called the *Hound Of Heaven* - because it is a person! God **is** love... It will hunt you down. Question is, *will you humble yourself* like a little child to receive that pure love...? Read my book - He would not let me go!

*Uncommon love is tender.* Jesus called God 'Father' and He preceded it by 'Our...' We're family! In Aramaic, Jesus own tongue, God's name is Abba, or 'Daddy.'<sup>3</sup> He works tenderly to bring us to repentance - so we can enjoy fellowship with Him.

*Uncommon love is awesome...!* In Matt. 22:36 (my paraphase) Jesus said that Loving the Lord and Loving our neighbor fulfilled the whole law.<sup>4</sup> A story in Acts tells of people who did love, enough to graciously fund the new church in Jerusalem. Only, they lied about the amount given. God's response? '**Love that doesn't obey, isn't real love.** They died on the spot.'<sup>5</sup>

*Uncommon love cherishes truth.* The acid test of love is "it rejoices in truth."<sup>6</sup> If you don't prize truth?... *You don't love God!* Jesus said to God, "Thy word is truth."<sup>7</sup> So, keep yourself **IN** the love of God."<sup>8</sup>

When life isn't a  
bed of roses,  
remember who  
wore the thorns



The most powerful weapon in  
the world is

**TRUTH**

*Ravi Zacharias*

Two percent of the people  
think; 3 percent think they  
think, and 95 percent would  
rather die than think.

*Henry Ford*

References: 1) II Tim.3:1-5  
2)Luke 6:31 3) Mark 14:36  
4)Luke 10:27 5)Acts 5:1-6  
6)I Cor. 13:6 7)John 17:17  
8) Jude 1:21 9) Matt. 5:3  
10)John 4:24 11) 2Cor.5:19  
12) I Pet.1:16.13) Rom. 8:14



Judicial Watch reports that  
Middle East Jihadists have  
been flying into Monterey,  
Mx. and meeting with cartels  
(for \$50k each) to get across  
border to U.S. Prior to  
entering, They also have a  
training area about 100 miles  
south of Tx. They are just  
waiting for the signal to  
attack ports of entry and  
large cities. You won't hear  
this from news media –  
they're busy covering Code  
Pink protestors dressed in  
KKK garb and fake news!  
...Pray against all violence!



## A Loveless Creature

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This has not been a  
normal week. I had the  
opportunity to see myself in  
the natural...as opposed to  
the spiritual. Oh I've seen it  
before, but I guess I  
needed a reminder. And,  
I'm glad to have it!

So I'm writing this article  
called UnCommon Love,  
not really knowing what  
God wants me to say. I had  
occasion to aid a needy  
neighbor, with a friend, in  
hanging a very heavy  
mirror in her apartment.. I  
felt grumpy about it (not  
her) tho we do this often,  
but I felt it was a man's job  
& difficult. My grumpiness  
came out in whining and  
smart alec remarks. I hurt  
my dear friend's feelings

We got the job done and  
moved a big rug as well.  
As I later reflected on my  
nastiness, I realized  
something I already knew.

Apart from God, I know that  
I am a *loveless creature*. It's  
always been true! Love  
doesn't come naturally to me.  
We can all blame my  
background for it, but no  
matter – It is what it is!

I'm okay with it because  
this helps me in knowing how  
impoverished I am without  
God. "Blessed are the poor in  
spirit..." 9 I know I have  
*nothing to give people!*

So whatever I give has to  
be God Himself...daily, hourly  
and minutely too. Like the  
Apostle Paul in Phil. 3:2-3, I  
put absolutely no confidence  
in my flesh –self - but all my  
confidence is in the Holy  
Spirit! *That works for me!*  
Better, it works for God for He  
gets all the glory. Not me. I  
want it no other way.

The Apostle Paul also said  
in the same passage that true  
believers worship by the Spirit  
of God, & they glory in *Christ*.

Thus, it's essential that  
worship be a spiritual  
endeavor...10 not just a few  
songs and rituals spoken.  
And not just entertainment!  
The central focal point need  
always be Jesus Christ and  
His work, not to mention His  
deity! *God was in Christ  
reconciling the world to  
Himself.*11

The problem with today's  
churches are too many  
programs, too many works  
without Holy Spirit inspiration,  
and little consideration for the  
need for Holy Spirit direction.

Every New Year, we're all  
given a fresh start, a second  
chance. A new beginning.  
Your *attitude* will determine  
your *altitude*-in life & with God  
The right *attitude* begins with  
*gratitude* for what you have...

Don't reject the Holy Spirit  
that can make you Godly. "Be  
Holy for I am holy."12

## Oh, Me. Oh, My. Oh, I...

**Dear Agatha:** Can you  
explain to me why it is that  
Paul sounds so weak (just  
like us!) in Romans 7<sup>th</sup>  
chapter, but much stronger in  
Romans 8<sup>th</sup> chapter? It's isn't  
very inspiring because it  
almost sounds like he's  
wallowing there. **Cindy.**

**Dear Cindy:** Surely this is the  
most misunderstood passage  
in all of Paul's letters. Let me  
say the obvious - this letter is  
not written in chapters! But for  
the sake of this discussion, I  
will use it in this way.

Chapter 7 is a teaching tool  
that both Paul & Jesus used  
(See Luke 13 for Jesus)  
Secular historian Josephus  
points this out. It's called  
'repetition.' In chapter-7, 35  
pronouns of **I**, **Me**, and **My**  
appear. When Paul says  
"what I would do, I don't &

what I don't want to do, I do -  
he's merely demonstrating  
the total inadequacy in living  
in the flesh – of self! And he  
points out vividly that 'when I  
would do good, evil is always  
present.' Make note of *that*  
point.-You'll get resistance too

So we must learn to resist  
that evil effectively! Evil has  
come for no thing except to  
steal, kill and destroy – you  
and yours. Christianity is not  
passive non-resistance! You  
have the victory! Know it...!

Your answer is found in  
Romans 8<sup>th</sup> chapter!

"Therefore, there is no  
condemnation to those who  
walk in the Spirit and **not** in  
the flesh." Thus begins his  
discussion of the Holy Spirit's  
power in our lives - 16 times  
He's mentioned. **Life** is in the  
Spirit; & **Death** is in the flesh!

If you are living a life with  
little victory, praise or  
thanksgiving – then pitch  
your tent in Romans 8<sup>th</sup>  
chapter and camp there.  
Too many have camped for  
decades in Rom. 7 in  
defeat (excusing such  
failure in ignorance that  
Paul wrote it!) You will  
learn to depend upon the  
Spirit's guidance, hour by  
hour, and moment by  
moment. It defines us - 'as  
many are led of the Spirit  
are *the sons of God.*'13

More, all of creation  
groans for that kind of  
Spirit-led man, waiting for  
their redemption! We  
groan. The Spirit groans...  
3 times in Romans 8! Are  
*you* one of them, Cindy? I  
want to be! My heart is  
broken for broken people.

Not only is my  
short-term  
memory  
horrible, but so  
is my short  
term memory.



