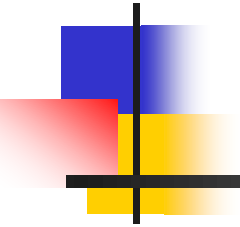


He Said

HESED



Oh give thanks
to the LORD,
for he is good
for his steadfast
love endures
forever!

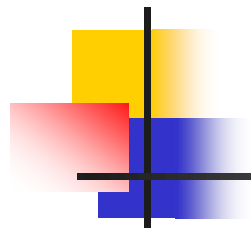
—Psalm 107:1





Becoming Christ on Earth

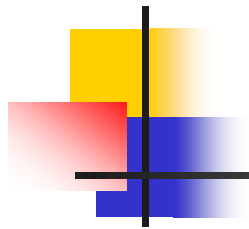
- Other Half of Church
- Joy
- **Hesed – kind, merciful,**
- Community Identity
- Healthy Correction
- Not Qasheh – stiff necked, hard,
- Hesed = Agape



New/Last Commandment

John 13: 34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also [hesed] one another.

35 By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have [hesed] for one another."



Put It Another Way

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to [hesed] one another. 12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His [hesed] is perfected in us



Love Language 1 Cor 13

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have HESED, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have [hesed], it profits me nothing.



Perfectly Clear Hased/Agape

4 HESED is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 [hesed] never fails;



Last Days – Matt 24:10-12

- “At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because lawlessness is increased,

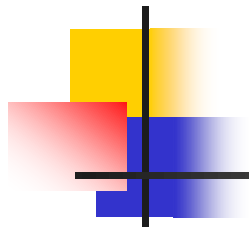
- most people’s love [hesed] will grow cold.”

- NOT “love for God” but hesed for people, OUR loving others like Jesus loves starts melting away



Left Your Most Important Love

- Rev 2:4 “But I have this against you, that **you have left your first love.**”
- Of course, we all know this means ...?
- 5 “Therefore **remember** from where you have fallen, and repent
- **and do the deeds you did at first;** or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.
- Jesus is talking about deeds of HESED – loving like He loves!! Ephesus, the perfect do better try harder church, had lost their hesed



Think About It

- **In the earliest days of the church, what were they known for; what did the pagans around them say about them?**
- **BEHOLD HOW THEY LOVE ONE ANOTHER!!!!!!**
- **Jesus is saying to Ephesus
“remember that above all this is all about HESED-loving like I LOVE!”**



Here is the Twist

- Reading Jim Wilder co author of The Other Half of Church, and he very casually says that we will know when we are living a life high in hessed by this marker:
- We will notice that we are spontaneously beginning to
- **LOVE OUR ENEMIES**
- When our hearts our moved with compassion for them and mercy for them and we automatically begin to cry out to God on their behalf, that is high hessed – just like Jesus



Impossible, You Say?

- Maybe for you, but not for Jesus
- Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me ...(by FAITH!)
- The thing is, no one has ever explained that this is supposed to be our first love and highest priority. We have been taught that we
- Saved by faith, filled with Spirit by faith, healed by faith, delivered by faith, that we do spiritual warfare by faith, that we seek God in prayer by faith



He Said HESED

- No one – until now – has ever explained to us that the highest commandment is to love those around us with this hesed/agape love
- And that this love was and is THE FIRST LOVE that demonstrates we are disciples of Jesus, and that this love will draw others to Him
- And we live it out by faith, praying, believing, repenting, obeying, expecting the Spirit to Love through us when we say YES to hesed
- Then let God break and change our hearts with HIS HESED for them



Good News, YOU ARE

- **deeply loved by God,**
 - **fully accepted by God,**
 - **completely and permanently forgiven by God,**
 - **lavishly blessed by God,**
 - **and eternally, perfectly embraced by God**
- as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY**