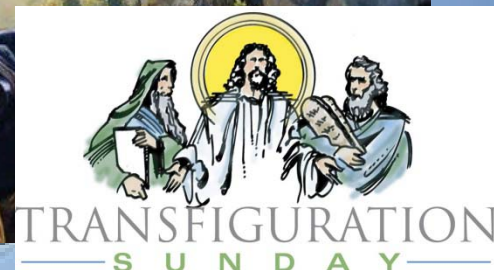
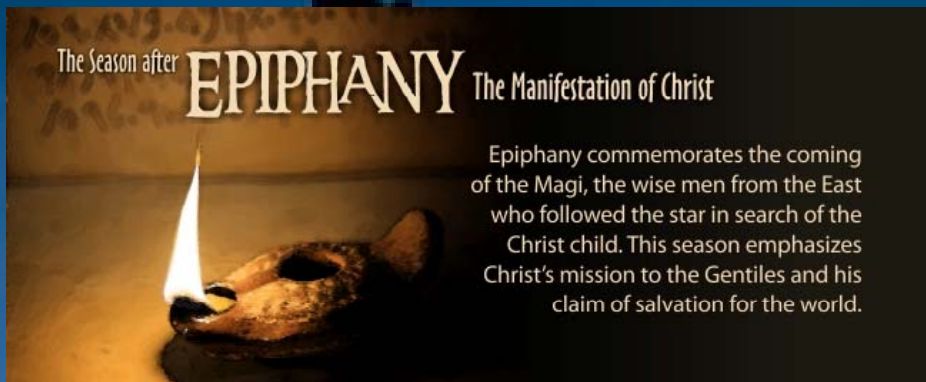


*28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and **went up onto a mountain to pray.***

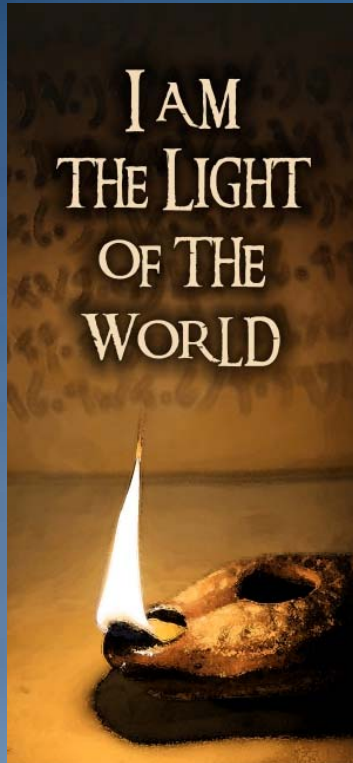
*29 As he was praying, the **appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.***

*30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, 31 appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. **They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.***

Luke 9:28-31



A Spiritual Goal during the Season after Epiphany
“as the manifestation of Christ”



1. With Christ - the Power of God - Jan. 6
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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love – The Greatest Spiritual Gift



LOVE

not love, I gain nothing, I gain no honor or respect. Love is patient, love is kind, love does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud, it is not rude, it is not selfish, it does not get angry, it does not delight in evil, it keeps no record of wrongs.



1 Corinthians 13:1-13 *Love – A Path to Spiritual Maturity*

“If love is to be loved at all, it must be **Christlike**. ...

Real love is expressed through human life in this reality called planet earth.

Love is as tangible as Christ’s physical body, spoken words, and visible actions.

Anything else is just love theory.”

Andrew Rankin

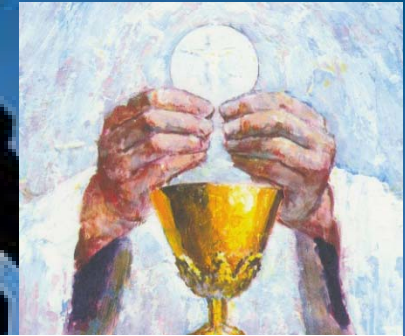
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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love – to Unite the Contemporary World

As United the Ancient Roman Empire



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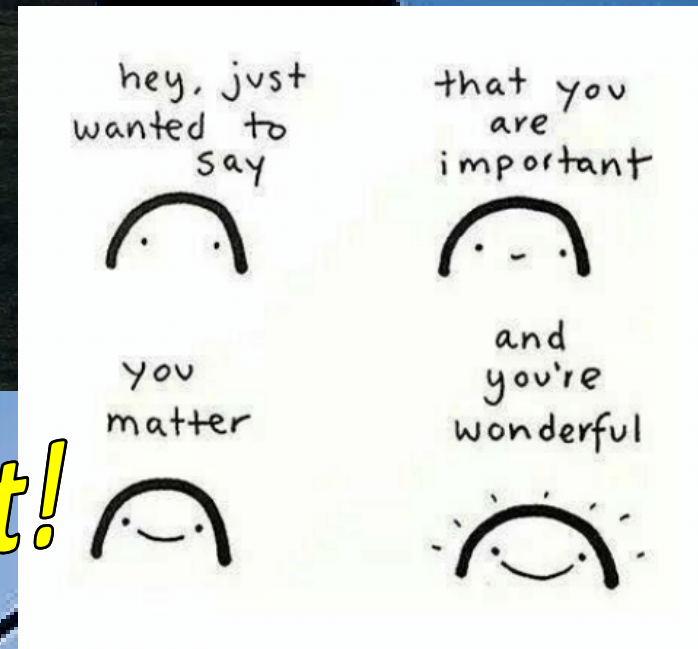


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1. To each one the manifestation of God is given for common good.

YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY SET ON A HILL CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NOR DO MEN LIGHT A LAMP AND PUT IT UNDER A BUSHEL, BUT ON A STAND, AND IT GIVES LIGHT TO ALL IN THE HOUSE. LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:14-16



You are important!

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1. To each one the manifestation of God is given
for common good.

Blessed
are You...

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.
Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.
Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.” Luke 6:20-21

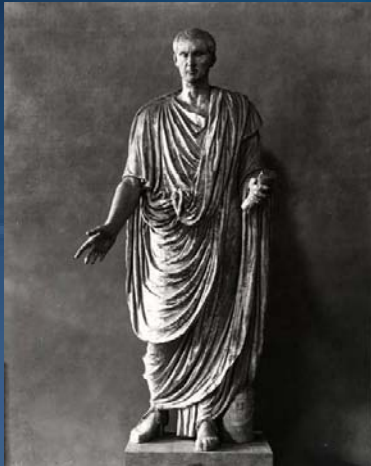
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Dignitas (pride)
Pietas (devotion)
Gravitas (duty)

Seek beyond the Roman Ideals:

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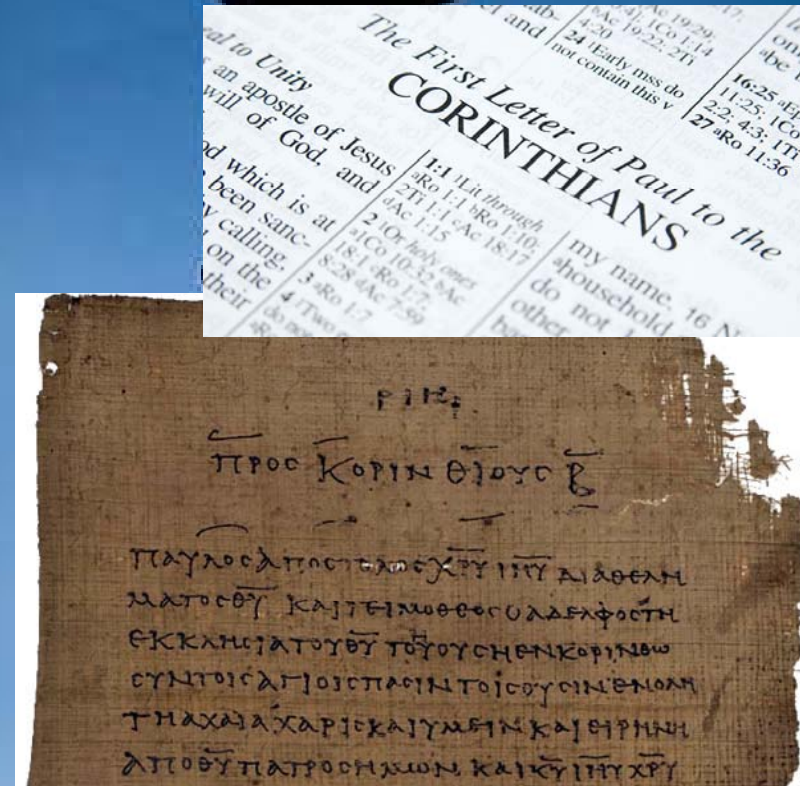
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2. Eagerly desire the greater gifts!

Through the Spirit,
the message of wisdom, ...
of knowledge,
Faith,
Gift of healing,
Miraculous powers,
Prophecy,
Distinguishing between spirits,
Speaking in tongues, and
the interpretation of tongues.

All these are the work of ONE
and the SAME SPIRIT!

1 Corinthians 12:7-11



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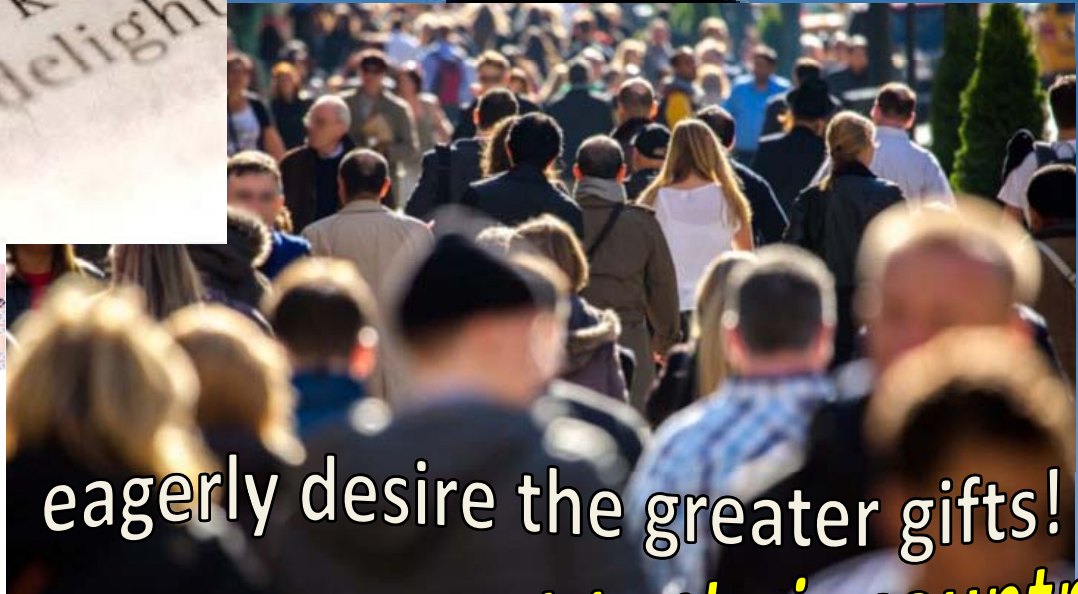
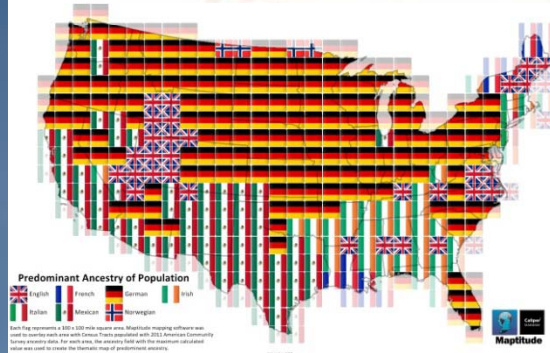


- If you want real joy, ask God what he wants to see in your life and then ask Him for it
- Seek the gift through which you can best meet the needs of others - 1 Cor 12:13-31
- Seek the gift through which you can best manifest God's love - 1 Cor 13
- Seek the gift through which you can best edify (build-up) the body of Christ - 1 Cor 14

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4 Love is patient,
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eagerly desire the greater gifts!

Blessed as a multi-racial and multi-ethnic country

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3. Without love, even the act of faith is useless.



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EARLY CHRISTIANITY
THE LETTERS OF PAUL

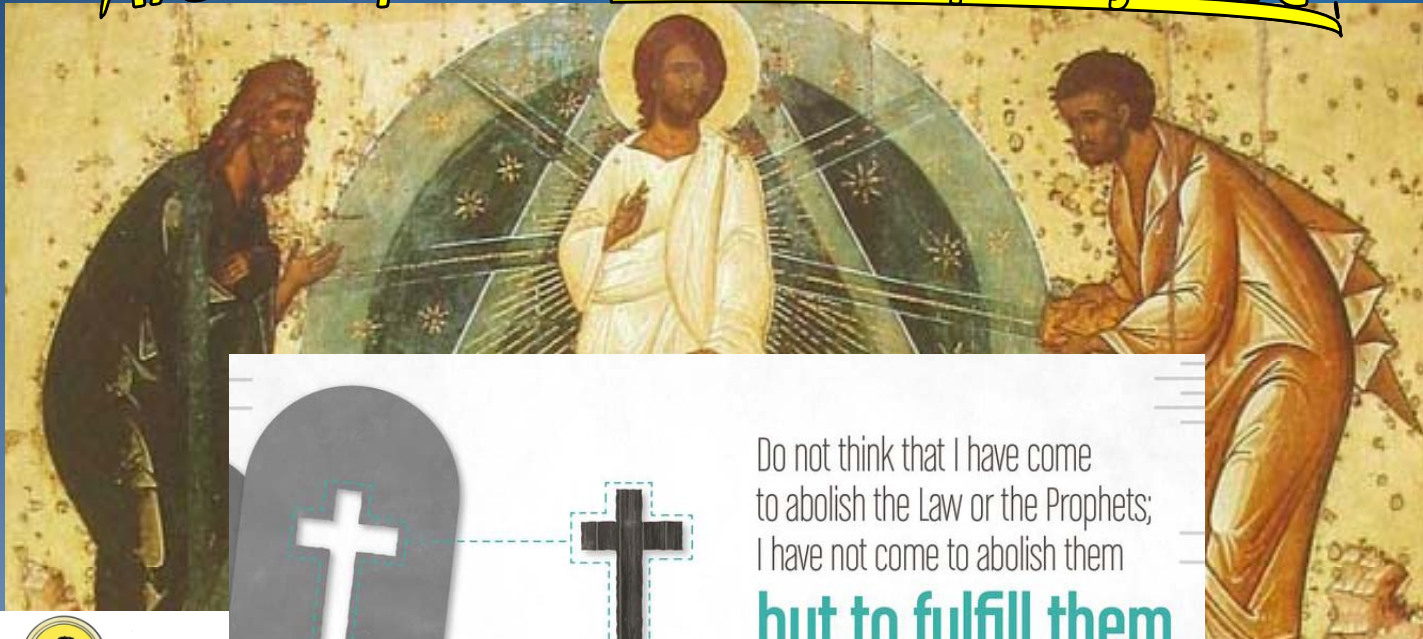
If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 -

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The Laws and the Prophets
Are completed in the Gospel of Love!



Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them

but to fulfill them.

Matthew 5:17



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4. *Love never fails.*

A silhouette of a person walking a tightrope against a clear blue sky. The person is captured in a dynamic, balancing pose with one arm raised and the other extended. A bright, glowing light source is positioned behind the person's legs, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is one of grace and precision.

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4. *Love never fails.*

love

bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things.
love never fails.

1 corinthians 13:7

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4. *Love never fails.*



Remember His LOVE.



A new command I give you:
Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you must love one another.

John 13:34

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