



APC Advent Devotional – December 11th, 2020

Christ is love

Today's Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)

One of many longings we have experienced this year perhaps is good gracious leaders at the workplace. People are often misusing their position and roles by talking harshly to their junior, yelling when something does not flow as they want it to be, which contributes to creating an uncomfortable, high tension, working environment. People were only looking after themselves, rather than their colleagues and subordinates.

However, as Christ believers, we are to **extend Christ's love** to everyone wherever we are each day, yet it is impossible to do it with our own power. Are we ready to be mistreated, even if we have tried our best to show kindness? Will we get annoyed when our smiles are responded to with cold and bitter looks? Will we still be joyful when we are being overlooked for the service we have done? Will we always be thankful to God when someone else takes the reward for our work?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is exactly the reflection of what Christ had done: He left the Father to come to earth to suffer rejection and crucifixion for us. He doesn't think about Himself as an all-powerful God who, through and for Him, the world was created. Instead, He **faithfully** walked and was obedient to God's plan to bring salvation to the world. Being born in humble circumstances, He later was rejected, despised, and killed at the cross. Yes, Jesus Christ is love incarnate. He is the real love, our faithful and loving Savior.

Prayer: Dear God, my natural desire is to look out for myself. Help me serve others out of love for You, and please grant me a heart that never strives to set out to dominate, but always to be of use. In Jesus' mighty name I pray, Amen.

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