



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

We have all heard the old saying, "*Talk is cheap!*" Man came up with those words but actually, they originated with God. In speaking to those in Christ that are defiled and impure, "***They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.***" (Titus 1:16) "*They profess*" is all talk. Many talk a good game. "I'll see you Sunday!" but they don't show up. They speak how the Lord watches over them and read their bibles from time to time, assemble once in a while but it's all talk and God knows it. "***But by their deeds they deny Him!***" The real life telling story about people is how they live. Just look at their attitudes, their actions and reactions. It is like reading a book. They "*profess*" to love the Lord but they do little to line up with Him in their lives. It is a shame to see such people be so self-deceived.

People in Christ, (we use the term Christian but I like the term 'in Christ'), that have no sincere faith or love, it will show up in their deeds. They do not love the brethren, have little drive within them to assemble with God's family and yet think themselves as "good people!" In the eyes of God, they are detestable, disobedient and worthless for any good deed. That's not my words! That's the word of the Lord. God must be appalled at those who call Him by name and yet their lives do little to reflect who and what He has done for them. The love of Christ, the death of Jesus should plunge His children into a loving relationship with one another. The apostle John said that is one of the tests to see if one is of God or not (I John 3:10). I stress this point because too many have taken the mind set they can live the way they want, with little to do with the church and think they are going to end up in heaven. It's just not true. To have little to nothing to do with God's family, which He is committed to, means those with that mind set and lifestyle have little to nothing to do with God. Just look at your family. Families are involved in one another's lives! If earthly families are like that, what about God's spiritual family? God speaks, "***Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.***" (Romans 12:10) Does that sound like involvement?

It is easy to say we love the Lord but our lives, our commitments show where we really stand. We are an open book no matter what we say. It's true, "*Talk is cheap!*" but to the saved, "*Walk is their talk!*" Think about it!!!

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