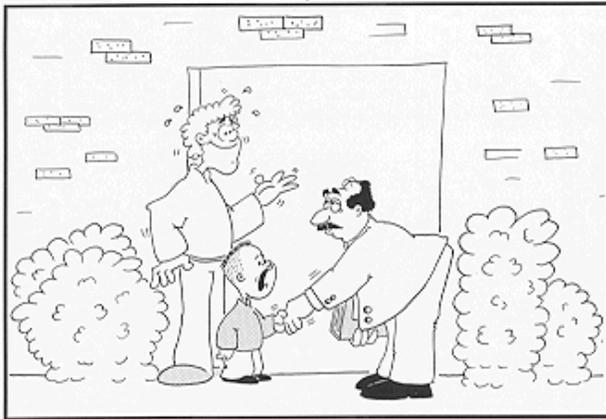


# Those Who Serve

	March 20	March 27
Opening Prayer	John Story	Olan Bacon
Song Leader	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
Communion	Joe Burnsed	Kwesi Garvin
Assist	Mike Powell	Joe Burnsed
Assist	Charles Hall	Joe Holloway
Dismiss Services	Olan Bacon	Joe Burnsed

**ALTAR EGO** by Len Jones



"Dad says if it wasn't for your sermons, he'd never get any sleep."

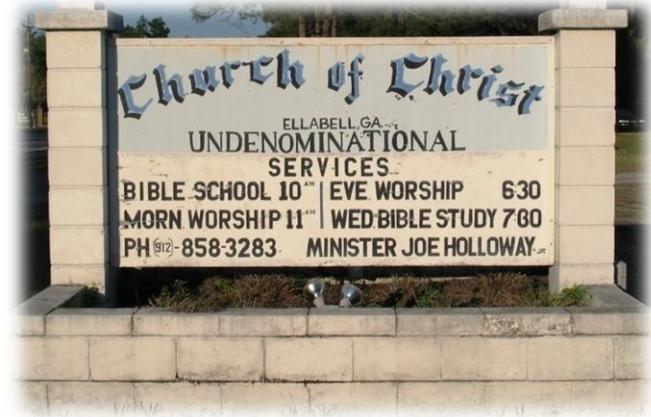
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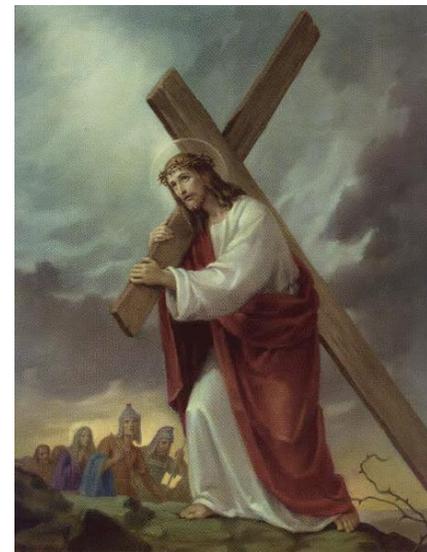
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Speaking Where The Bible Speaks; Silent Where The Bible Is Silent  
 March 27, 2011



## THE WEIGHT OF THE CROSS

David Powell tells of a businessman who attended a famous Passion Play in Bavaria. After the play, the man went backstage to meet the actor who portrayed Jesus. The man saw the cross the actor carried in the play. Before the actor could stop him, the businessman handed his wife his camera and said, "Hey, take a picture of me carrying the cross." He bent over and tried

to lift it. With sweat rolling down his face, he said, "I thought it would be hollow. Why is it so heavy?" The actor answered compassionately, "If I did not feel the weight of it, I could not play the part." The weight of the cross of Christ was not merely the physical weight upon Him. It was far more the weight of our sin. Jesus felt

and bore the full weight of this cross. Paul wrote, "He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor. 5:21). Why did Christ do this? Paul continues, "that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." Christ died for us because of the grace of God. Yet this grace is not cheap.

The cost was the blood of God's dear Son. We are now, therefore, the righteousness of God in Christ. Thanks be to God.

**Ben May**

Via

**Honolulu church of Christ**



## ***LOVING WHEN WE DIFFER***

Tom Kelton

There are many differences of conviction in the church today. When these differences are compared by brethren, some say we do not love

one another.

There is no word overused more than love. It is confused and abused. It has been wrongly used to describe everything from fornication to sentimentalism. So it should be pointed out what love is and what love is not-according to the scriptures.

As one traces "love" through the New Testament, it is clear that love is having a concern for an interest in the welfare of others. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). God did not like the sinfulness of this world of mankind, but He had a concern for and an interest in man and, therefore, He gave. Love is a willingness to give ourselves for the benefit of others. 1 Corinthians 13 makes it clear that such love begins with our attitudes and affects our actions.

Love is not a mere sentimental, emotional feeling of tolerance for everything and any-thing. Jesus, who taught His disciples to love even their enemies, did not tolerate the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. Paul, who wrote the 1 Corinthians 13 love chapter, taught that false teachers are to be rebuked. Love does not exclude a firmness against error.

Love does not mean we will like everything about others or agree on all convictions. We are to love our enemies. Yet who likes

the persecutions that come from an enemy? Still we must have a concern for our enemies' welfare, regardless of our differences. Loving those who dif-fer with us does not come easy. But Christians are taught of God to love one another (1 Thessalonians 4:9).

In spite of our opposing views, we must "*increase and abound in love one toward an-other, and toward all men*" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). We can differ and still love one another. We must act like brethren while we reprove and rebuke.

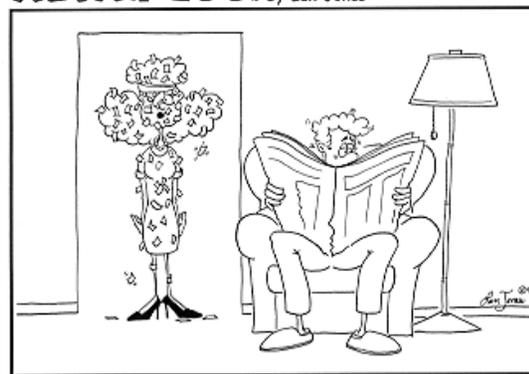
*"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you"* (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Via

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**Thanks to Brother Roscoe Frisby of the great Raytown congregation for the bulletin articles this week, He forwards both bulletins to me that I shamelessly copied.**

**ALTAR EGO.** by Len Jones



"How did your Sunday School class do with the collage?"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Save** –Labels, Food Pantry Items, Change Jar, Cans, Medicine Bottles, & OTC Medicines

**Social** –today after morning services

**Meetings**-tonight after evening services

**Calendar for April** – on back pew