

1 Yohana 3:16-24

Yohana anasema kuwa binadamu hawezi kuwa na uwezo wa kujua kikamilifu cha upendo unaoonekana kama bila kuona katika kujitolea kwa Kristo msalabani. Ni kwa hili tunajua upendo ni nini. Kifo cha Kristo sio ajali kubwa; ilikuwa na kusudi. Yake ilikuwa uhai uliotolewa, sio kuchukuliwa kutoka kwake. Mfano wa Kristo unawaita wafuasi wake kuishi kwa niaba ya dada na ndugu zetu (Rick Williamson, 2010).

¹⁷ "Ikiwa mtu ana mali na anaona ndugu au dada anayehitaji-na mtu huyo hajali-upendo wa Mungu unawezaje ndani yake?" Maneno ya Kigiriki ni nguvu kuliko tafsiri nyingi za kisasa. Huyu anasema, "hajali", NIV inasema, "hauna huruma". Nia halisi ni "kufungwa matumbo." Katika wakati huu, matumbo yalionekana kuwa msingi wa huruma. Ili kufungia kikamilifu hisia yako na hatua inahitaji nia. Ikiwa hii ni jibu letu kwa mahitaji mbele yetu, tunakosa upendo wa Kristo.

Dunia inajua kuhusu upendo kwa sababu Yesu kikamilifu na historia aliweka maisha Yake kwa ajili yetu. Ilikuwa upendo ulionyeshwa. Imani yetu kwa Mungu inakuja na huruma inayofuatana na Kristo. Kukana maandamano yake inahitaji usumbufu wa makusudi au kukomesha Roho wa Bwana wa ukarimu ndani yetu.

Mungu anatupa kile anachotuamuru sisi kutoa.

Je, ukarimu wetu wa huruma hufanya kazi?

Ni nini kinachosaidia utayari wetu kuwasaidia wengine?

Wiki ijayo: *1 Yohana 4:7-21*

1 John 3:16-24

John argues humankind would not be capable of knowing the full extent of what love looks like without seeing it in Christ's self-sacrifice on the cross. It is by this we know what love is. The death of Christ was not a colossal accident; it had a purpose. His was a life given, not taken from Him. Christ's example calls His followers to live on behalf of our sisters and brothers (Rick Williamson, 2010).

¹⁷ "If a person has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need—and that person doesn't care—how can the love of God remain in him?" The Greek phrase is stronger than most modern translations. This one says, "doesn't care", NIV says, "has no pity". The actual meaning is "to close the bowels." In this era, the intestines were considered the basis of compassion. To actively close off your emotion and action requires intention. If this is our response to the needs right in front of us, we're lacking the love of Christ.

The world knows about love because Jesus actively and historically laid down His life for us. It was love demonstrated. Our faith in God comes with an accompanying compassion from Christ. To deny its demonstration requires deliberate interruption or termination of the Lord's generous Spirit within us.

God gives to us what He commands us to give away.

Is our compassionate generosity active?

What helps our readiness to help others?

Next week: *1 John 4:7-21*

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4th Wiki ya Pasaka

MASOMO YA MAANDIKO YA WIKI HII:

Leo: *Zaburi 131 (Mungu anakuambia nini?)*

Jumatatu: *Yeremia 23*

Jumanne: *1 Petro 5: 1-11*

Jumatano: *Ezekieli 34: 11-16*

Alhamisi: *Isaya 40: 9-11*

Ijumaa: *1 Timotheo 3: 1-13*

Jumamosi: *2 Wakorintho 4*

Mchungaji mwenye upendo, Unatupenda na unatuangalia daima, ndani furaha zetu na maumivu yetu. Tusaidie siwe na udanganyifu na ulimwengu unaozunguka. Asante kwa zawadi kubwa ya upendo wako na ulinzi na kwa imani yetu ndani yako, ambayo inaunda maisha yetu. Fanya mioyo yetu iwe wazi kwa upendo wako mkubwa na iwe tu kubeba upendo huo kwa wale tunayopita kila siku ambao wanahitaji zaidi. Katika Jina la Kristo, Amen.

April 22, 2018

4th Week of Easter

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Today: *Psalm 131 (What is God saying to you?)*

Monday: *Jeremiah 23*

Tuesday: *1 Peter 5:1-11*

Wednesday: *Ezekiel 34:11-16*

Thursday: *Isaiah 40:9-11*

Friday: *1 Timothy 3:1-13*

Saturday: *2 Corinthians 4*

Loving Shepherd, You love us and watch over us always, in our joys and in our pain. Help us not be deceived by the world around us. Thank You for the great gift of Your love and protection and for our faith in You, which shapes our lives. May our hearts be open to Your great love and may we carry that love to those we pass each day who need it most. In the Name of Christ, Amen.