

LOVE

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lots of light-emitting people—Eben said the central message he received was “You are loved.” Burke goes further, saying that the single most important thing that Eben said he learned from the experience was that “none of us are unloved.” And yet, God’s love feels uniquely personal. One NDEr said, “Everything about Him is love. Yes, love for you, and it seemed as if the love is only for you.” Another person reported after his NDE, “You know in yourself that he loves all, but the love for you is so personal it seems as if it is only for you.” Yet another NDEr

echoes so many others, noting, “It was like I was the only one he loved in all his creation. I knew He loved others, but it seemed as if I was the only one.” Reading these accounts, I cannot help but think of C. S. Lewis, who once wrote, “He died not for men, but for each man. If each man had been the only man made, He would have done no less.” Personal indeed.

For the Christian, love is nothing less than the very purpose of life. And I find it incredibly fascinating that the same message is often brought back from the other side by NDErs, even by those who are not familiar with the Bible, because the details of NDEs so closely corroborate what the Bible has to say about

life, love, and purpose. Case in point, no greater expression of love in heaven or on earth can be found than God’s so loving this world that He gave over the life of His only Son to secure everlasting life for believers (cf John 3:16). Since Christians hold, as John the apostle proclaims, that God is love (1 John 4:16), it stands to reason that the Bible would be full-filled with verses affirming just that. In reality, as much as the Bible has to say about it, all God’s love for humanity is subsumed under that singular passage: “For God so loved the world . . .” (John 3:16). However, as so many NDEs make clear, there is an expectation of God concerning human reciprocation of the

love He has shown in Jesus Christ. It is an expectation clearly put forward by Jesus Himself who taught: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment, and the second is like it: Love your

neighbor as yourself” (Matt 22:37-39). Jesus said that the teachings of the entire Bible hang on these two commandments.

What is amazing is that NDErs essentially reported the same thing: that all humans must feel love toward each other. It is understood as an essential reality.

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fiery trials of life, Jesus is there to help us. He is an ever present help in the time of need. We can also see that the fire only burns off what has us bound.

We can trust His heart in the good and bad that comes our way. He will never leave you or forsake

you as His born again child. We can rejoice in the trials of life knowing that our God will work it out for our good. James says, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.”

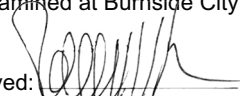
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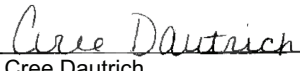
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BURNSIDE, KENTUCKY, ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT ORDINANCE.

The City of Burnside is enacting an Ordinance Amending Burnside City Ordinance No. 2023-008 in the following manner. The Amendment fixes the date upon which Standard and Gaming Entertainment Permit Fees become due and payable; and

The Ordinance further directs its publication by summary, and provides for it to become effective immediately following in passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

A complete copy of the Ordinance may be examined at Burnside City Hall.

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