



# HALF TRUTHS

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**LOVE  
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AGREEMENT**

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“Satan was not wholly incorrect when he told Eve partaking of the banned tree would make her “like God” (3:5), as to be more aware of the horror of sin is to come closer to God’s knowledge of all things (v. 22a). However, as he is wont to do, the serpent never gave Eve the whole truth. He did not tell her man would develop a love for perversion by such knowledge of evil. Moreover, he lied outright in asserting that death would not follow her transgression (v. 4).”





“To tell half-truths and outright lies is in our enemy’s very nature (John 8:44). He enjoys calling God’s truthfulness and goodness into question with subtlety, as he did with Eve by over-emphasizing what the Lord forbade instead of what He permitted (Gen. 3:1b). His tactics have not changed, so let us beware lest he deceive us as well.”



**Today's Sermon: "Love = Agreement"**  
**Passage: Ephesians 4:14-16, Luke 7:36-50**

- 1. What is the kernel of truth?**
- 2. How is this harmful/unhelpful**
- 3. How does the gospel tell a better story?**



**1. What is the kernel of truth in  
love = agreement?**

# Genesis 2:24-25

<sup>24</sup> Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.



## John 13:34-35

<sup>34</sup> “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”





The first thing to get clear about Christian morality between man and man is that in this department Christ did not come to teach any brand new morality. The Golden Rule of the New Testament (Do as you would be done by) is a summing up of what everyone, at bottom, had always known to be right.

— *C. S. Lewis* —

**AZ QUOTES**

**1. What is the kernel of truth in  
love = agreement?**

**1. How is this understanding of love  
harmful/hurtful?**



**Love sometimes might equal agreement, but  
sometimes or even most of the time it doesn't**



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## Introduction

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Pain alters the quality of life more than any other health-related problem, and it is one of the implements of body protection. It interferes with sleep, mobility, nutrition, thought, sexual activity, emotional well-being, creativity, and self-actualization. Congenital insensitivity to pain is a rare disorder, first described in 1932 by Dearborn as Congenital pure analgesia. Congenital insensitivity to pain and anhidrosis (CIPA) is a very rare and extremely dangerous condition. People with CIPA cannot feel pain [1].

Pain-sensing nerves in these patients are not properly connected in parts of brain that receive the pain messages. CIPA is extremely dangerous, and in most cases the patient doesn't live over age of 25. Although some of them can live a fairly normal life, they must constantly check for cuts, bruises, self-mutilations, and other possible unfelt injuries. Self-mutilation is an almost invariable feature of this disorder, most often involving the teeth, lips, tongue, ears, eyes, nose, and fingers [2-4].

The odds of being born with this condition are about 1 in 125 million. People with CIPA also cannot feel extreme temperatures, or sweat, both creating even more necessary care [5-7]. However, in a

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## Luke 7:36-50

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

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<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

## Luke 7:36-50

- <sup>41</sup> “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.
- <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”
- <sup>43</sup> Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”
- “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.



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<sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven — as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

## Luke 7:36-50

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves,  
“Who is this who even forgives sins?”

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go  
in peace.”

# Gospel Application

Are we seeking peace on earth?