

Affection

Only the true Body of the true Messiah is capable of *loving* with **affective love** — loving with *affection*. It produces an *effect* in the person loved by your affection (or the affectionate love you have for them which is shown or manifested, 1 Cor 16:22). It produces an **effect** only if *shown* to them.

Affect is a *verb* that means to *show* fondness for the person you love, who in turn is *influenced* by your love. So a person is *affected* by your love which is *shown* to them.

Affection (noun) is the *act of affecting*; the *state* of being affected; bent of mind; a feeling or natural impulse acting upon and swaying the mind; to affect any emotion; inclination, disposition, propensity; or tendency.

{Affection is applicable to an unpleasant, as well as, a pleasant state of the mind when *impressed* by any person, object or quality.}

Affect (verb) — to produce an *effect of change* upon; to influence or move the emotions or passions; to dispose or incline, to be attached; to subdue, soften, overcome; to show a fondness for; to regard with affection.

Effect (noun) — execution, realization; manifestation; expression, that which is produced by an agent or cause; result; or consequence; outcome, fruit; as the effect of something; impression left on the mind; sensation produced.

After one is loved *affectionately*, he is affected for life. He becomes *disposed* toward the one who loved him. He becomes *attached* to him and *inclined* toward him. He is *affected* in his emotions toward that person. He is bonded to that person with utmost esteem and gratitude.

If a person, on the other hand, is shown *hatred* (by the affections) then that person will be *inclined away from you*, creating a tendency, propensity, disposition *that is negative*. Otherwise the affections will produce a settled, good, kind feeling (a love with zealous attachment). The same thing results if we have *affection* for our children (Pr 13:24). To be *affectionate* (1 Cor 16:22) is having affection or warm regard, kindly inclined, zealous for His Will to be done. Jn 14:15 is *affectionate love* as displayed in *obedience* and this one is affective in carrying out His Will.

Affected

We are affected, “bent.” As the saying goes, “**As the plant is bent, so the tree grows.**” *We are all affected*. We have been affected by the various ways we have been loved when we were babies (either with coldness or warmth, with emotional, passionate care, concern and attention, or distantly reserved, cool toleration). When *affectionately* loved we grow to believe we have *worth* and *dignity* as is necessary for human existence.

If we were *tampered* with while we were young in any *sexually deviant way* we become abnormally affected (perverted in our affections) like the kind of people that *affected* us. If we have been *handled abusively* by parents, teachers, or especially a *queer* fellow (or any other kind of sexually abusive person) we are *affected* (inclined, disposed). A harsh parent, teacher, or elder affected your *personality* — inclined you toward a deviant bent direction.

An Object Lesson

The judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah was an object lesson for the whole world and for generations to come. God thought it better to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah than let these affected, perverted people *spread abroad* to the whole world. At that time the abominable corruption of Sodom and Gomorrah was primarily contained in these two cities. It was destroyed as a *restraining factor* in order to *preserve* the rest of the world (Rom 9:29). Righteous people were sought there, but no more than Lot and his family were to be found — *God saved them*. The rest were wicked.

Both husbands and wives alike have been affected and are affected — bent in certain ways, which cause *divorce* (Ex 20:5,6). Once a person gets so bent *in a certain direction*, they become set and *cannot even* u

espond to the good news of salvation. Mt 1:21 tells us why Messiah came: to save us from the *direction* our sins have *bent* us. He came to deliver us from *the way we were inclined, disposed* (in our disposition, our temperaments), from the way we have been *tempered* or *tampered* with when we were young or what was also passed on to us *inherently*. We *inherited* certain sins and were raised by parents who could not change these bent ways in themselves and so passed them on to us.

A Way to Be Restored

1 Chr 28:8 creates a new community (a new society). The *redeemed* of Yahweh will return (be restored) in the last days (Isa 51:11). **"Will return"** means that man can be *redeemed and restored* (Tit 2:14; Mt 1:21). We can be *redeemed* from these bent ways in us that cause certain perversions to be passed on and on and on. Lawlessness (iniquity) can be stopped (healed) in us through *forgiveness*. Redemption is first: His work for us. Then His work in us must be completed (Phil 1:6).

We are all *particularly* bent in certain ways to make us greedy, selfish, egotistical, egocentric, etc. We are all bent on *selfish endeavors*, which are easily provoked. These cause trouble, arguments, strife, division, alienation and war. When these *selfish ways* are coupled with *perversions* they prey upon others without consideration of their *consequences*.

Whatever *effects* people to become *affected* is what *destroys* the Second Covenant — the natural law (Rom 2:14-16). Once they are *affected* they give opportunity for the Destroyer to take God's highest creature to the depths of degradation in their human nature (which was made to be like God). Yet man was also made to be *redeemable* (through the provision and sacrifice of the Creator) and be restored back to His likeness.