CHAPTER II

THE CONCEPTS OF LOVE AND CHRISTIANITY

2.1 The Definition of love

Before elaborate love the novels, I would like to investigate what the meaning of love is. What is love? The term love cannot be separated from human life. Whatever he is, whoever he is, and no matter whether he is coming from high or low class of people, he would concern with live. Different people also define the term love in a different definition.

I find it necessary and significant to define and clarify some definitions and explanations of the term love and marriage, because I think that the readers will get an exact understanding on the study conducted by the writer. The focus of our attention in the novel is love and marriage by the main character in the novel.

Any talk about love never comes to an end since it is so complex and unique that no one has the same ability in defining it and no one has the same opinion or concept when they are talking about it. Love, like other sentiment is a complex of feeling, emotions, desires, images, and ideas organized around an object. Love the characteristic of our primary relationship. As Perucci says:

Love is an intense from of liking and love is the Characteristic of our primary relationship.
In popular wage, love can notes the type of commitment, trust and willingness to sacrifice, the defines a primary
group, yet love seldom distinguishes from liking in the social science (*Perucci, 1977;135*).

Love has unlimited power and plays an important role in human’s life. Love does not need the formula of scientific studies. It is needed understanding, honor, respect and tolerance. The term love is also applied to the state of feeling and love is also part human life. Love makes life sweeter, stronger, and fuller. All of us have had love since we were young and will have it till someday we leave the world also we experience love from our earliest moment.

One, who is in love, will do anything to satisfy his or her lover. Collins *Cobuild* defined love as:

If you someone, you have a very strong feeling of affection towards them and feel romantically attracted to them and they are very important to you.
You feel their happiness is very important to you and usually Show this feeling in the way you have to towards them (*Collins, 1987:865*).

When two persons get to know each other well, the begin to understand one another better than ever before. The may love deeply for one another and each one cherishes and protects the other. The experience of these feelings is indicative of love.

Love is described as an abstract thing found in every man and woman’s life. It cannot be separated from human life. Love has been old already and even historians do not know how long it will live.
In other words, those who have great feelings of love actively perform everything they can in order to realize love. In *Webster’s New of English Language*, we can read that:

Love is a feeling of strong personal attachment induced by what which delight or commands admiration by sympathetic understanding or by the ties of kinship affection, as the brothers or sisters (1935:1462).

Finding love is meaningful, falling love is beautiful, is the expression that the writer wants to say and impress in the thesis. Therefore, in *The Random House dictionary of English Language*, we read that:

Love is the attraction, desire or affection felt for a person why arouses delight and admiration or elects tenderness, sympathy and interest. Love usually arouses warm attachment, enthusiasm or devotion (1983:1340).

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### 2.2. Some Aspects of Love

The word “love” makes our mind automatically move to something special which concerns out heart, a feeling that makes us feel warm. This world also reminds us many splendid things. Love is something unique. It can be felt but can not expressed verbally, because it mainly concerns with the role of feeling and also usually varied according to time, situation and person involved.
Love has its own power with a strong affection and tender feeling. Love cannot be separated from human life, whatever and however no matter he/she is from high low class. Love is abstract, but when it comes to someone, then or she ready to sacrifice and take the high risk.

Love is incidentally confusing as well as delightful. It can bring both happiness and sadness. It controls our moods and sometimes can cause people to act strangely. It can change a person from bad to good and even good to bad, but it plays an important role in human life. So, what is the meaning of love? The term of love can’t be separated from human life such as love for the children or family and love for someone special. So God creates human beings with the feeling of love.

In the case, the writer will try to discuss it by giving definition from expert.

Love is the attraction, desire or affection felt for a person who arouses delight and admiration or elects tenderness, sympathy, interest or benevolence. Love usually arouses warm attachment, enthusiasm of devotion (Webster’s Third New International Dictionary, 1971:1340).

From the statement above, we can examine that there is something appearing by the existence of love. It comes from the inner of our heart and whenever a person is falling in love, he will behave awkwardly. As Collins Cobuild says:

“If you love someone, you have a very strong felling and affection toward them and feel romantically or sexuality attracted to them and they
are very important to you and you feel that their happiness is very important to you and usually show this feeling in the way you behave toward them” (1984:46).“

From the quotation above, we believe that love encourages a person to do everything good for somebody he loves and deep the feeling of love is shown by one’s behavior. Love can only move smoothly in the relationship of two persons who have understood each other very well and care for one another deeply.

The feeling of love is very inherent in the life of a normal human being. This is a common truth. This statement implies that “love” is one thing that makes one’s life more meaningful and interesting. It can create a more energetic and delightful life to person in love.

We realize there are some processes when we feel that we are in love with other, such as the process of inking between people of the opposite sex. When get each attention, they can continue to know each other more deeply as Robert Perucci state that love is:

“love is an intense form of linking and love is the characteristic of our Primary relationship. In popular wage, love can note the types of its commitment, trust and willingness to sacrifice that defines a primary love seldom: distinguishes from liking in social “science,” (1977:21). The opinion above shows that love also involve our social relationship.

Our great need in social relationship to attain the of equality with other people. So we can say that love, is very unique thing that, all of us have had love experience since ; we were young until we leave the world. A sociologist, John Lee discovered three different definition of love:
1. Agape

A patient, kind, unselfish and undemanding type of love. We can see that Agape is the love of God, so it is the perfect love as well as eternal love. In Agape, love is given without any condition. The love is devoted without any deviation. Agape doesn’t, distinguish race, appearance, age, social, status or authority.

2. Eros

Eros is love between man and woman and a strong attraction to beautiful people. Erotic lovers are attracted to their beloved by their hair, skin, muscles, body portions, fragrance, and so forth. Such love does not usually survive.

3. Philia

Philia is the love among friends. Sometimes we can find loyalty, faithfulness and solidarity. In our daily life we have many kinds of friends, special friends, our common friends and our neighbor. We like people who have similar attitudes and have personalities similar to ours.

Lee also describes three other types of love with various combinations, of the three basic types shown above. He states to find a mutual ‘satisfying partner, we should search out who shares the same definition of love been found to be useful in distinguishing romantic love from liking.
But how does a person about finding someone to love? In their excellent book A New Look at Love, Elaine and Watter (1978) lit the following practical suggestion:

1. Make sure you’re surrounding by people. Invite acquaintance to dinner, a movie, or a party.
2. Be extra friendly to the people in your neighborhood, school and at work. They are most likely to introduce you to compatible mates.
3. Get deeply involved in something, an activity you genuinely like. If you fell you are not deeply interested in anything you have identified a problem. People without strong interests are not themselves very interesting.
4. Sheer exposure can frequently work to your advantage. Repeated exposure to anything or anyone tends to produce positive feelings toward that thing or person.

The dream of love and happiness of people involved in this union where someone can share their feeling either in sadness or happiness. The important rules for husband and wife in the familiar are based on natural love and understanding to each other.

2.3 Christian Beliefs

What we need most in unfailing love. The kind that never quits, never fails, and never ends. That is how God loves us; and He always will. God’s love
doesn’t change like the weather, hot today, cold tomorrow. It is unlimited, unconditional, and undemanding. He loves us the way we want to be loved; the way we were made to be. We don’t have to pretend to be somebody we are not; He loves us just we are, because we are ours: unique, hand-made by God, for His pleasure.

God is love; we were created by, and for love. We were made to love God, and to reflect his love to everyone. When God created people, He made us like Himself-, sinless, holy, and healthy. The Holy Bible says in Genesis 1:27 as follows:

In the image of God he created … them.

God formed the earth, and gave the first couple the right to rule over it. God wanted to enjoy a loving relationship with people, and to fill the earth with His love.

Love can never be compelled. He gave us a free will so that we could choose to love and trust Him.

The tragedy of the human race is that the first couple chose to sin. They mistrusted what God said, and disobeyed His one and only rule. God had warned them not to eat from a certain tree, or they would surely die.

Satan encouraged them to eat the fruit, by Eying to them that they would not die. Adam and Eve broke trust with God, by eating the fruit, and sin entered their hearts.
God can not fellowship (have friendship) with sinners, so they had to be driven from His presence (spiritual death). Instead of ruling the earth, they became subject of Satan, whom they had trusted. Their sinful nature caused them to become ever more sinful. No longer loving like God, they lived in envy, hatred, bitterness and anger. The rot had sent-in the human race.

Every human being has inherited this sinful nature from the first couple. Born is sin, to live and die in sin; and be eternally separated from God. But God did not leave the situation hopeless. He initiated a rescue mission. His plan was to completely destroy the power of sin. God is perfectly just.

He had said in Ezekiel 14:4b and Romans 6:23 3a: The soul who sin shall die, and the wages of sin is death. He could not break His own word. So He had to find a way to punish people’s sin, without them dying. His idea was to find a substitute.

If someone who’d never sinned, was to die bearing the guilt and punishment of everybody else, God could legally acquit the sinners. But the problem was, everyone had sinned. The Bible says in Roman 3:23:

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. All had to die for their own sin. That is why Jesus came. God in human form!

The most famous verse in the bible, in John 3:16, can now be understood: For God so loved the world the world, that He gave His one and only Son (Jesus), that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. It was a man-sized cross on a small hill in a small country. But the wrenching drama of the Man. From Galilee was the greatest act of love the world would ever know, as it is written in Isaiah 53:1, 3-10,12: Who has believed what we our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrow, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
He was despised and we esteemed Him not.
Surely He took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,
yet we considered Him stricken by God smitten by Him, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities,
The punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,
And by His wound we are healed. We all. Like sheep, have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to his own way and the Lord has laid
on Him the iniquity of us all.
He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet He did not open His mouth;
He was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so He did not open not His mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of His descendants?
For He was cut off out from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people He was stricken.
He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
though he had done no violence, nor was ant deceit in His mouth.
Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer,
And though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering,
He will see His offspring and prolong His days,
And the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.
After the suffering of His soul,
He will see the light of life and be satisfied;
By His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
And He will bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great,
And He will divide the spoil with the strong,
Because He poured out His life unto death,

Saved from a life separated from God and His love. Saved from judgment
of sin, saved from sickness and infirmity, saved from Hell, and all condemnation.

Sin has no power to condemn anyone who has trusted in Jesus Christ.
When we believe in our that Christ died for us personally; we can be united with God as though we had never sinned.

We will experience His wonderful love, and begin to live the real life that God plants for us. No more fear, no more loneliness, no more aimlessness, because the love of God is with us always and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin many, and was made intercession for the transgressors.

Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends, He is Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

We have already said that the sacrifice of the Lord on the cross was the Highest act of love of all time.

God sent Jesus, His sinless Son, to earth. Born miraculously of a virgin, He Lived the perfect life of love which we were intended to. Tempted. just like us. but Never sinning once.

Then, as our substitute. He died on the cross bearing.: all our sin, guilt, and Sickness. He took the punishment we deserve, and went to Hell in our place.

After He had paid our sin debt in full, He rose from the dead. To prove that we was sinless, He is the son of God, all our sin are paid for, and that we can also be raised from spiritual death.
When we trust in Jesus, God will cancel our sin debt, declare we not guilty, come into our heart, and give us His life. How do this? Because Jesus paid what we owe.

When we believe in Him. His payment is accepted as ours. Our debt is gone, And we can go free. That’s Real Love.

The Bible says in 1 John 3-16, Romans 5:8; 1 Peter 3:18 and Romans 10:9 as follows:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us; While we were still sinners, Christ died for us... the righteous for the unrighteous to bring you to God. If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord (God)” and believe In your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.