



"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"

Sermon Series: "Love – Leadership – Life" (Handout Notes)

Sermon: "LOVE - The Greatest Thing In the World – Part 3" – 2/18/2018

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13 (NKJV)

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?

- This entire chapter presents a comprehensive explanation of the Love of God (Biblical Love), which is the:
 - (1) The _____ Commandment (**Matthew 22:36 – 40**)
 - (2) The _____ Gift (**1 Corinthians 12:31**)
 - (4) The _____ Grace (**Galatians 5:22**). The first fruit is LOVE!
 - (5) The _____ Virtue (**1 Corinthians 13:8**)
 - (6) The _____ of sonship and daughterhood (**John 13:34, 35**)
 - (7) The _____ to faith, the path upon which Christians must walk (**Ephesians 5:1, 2; Galatians 5:6**)
 - (8) The _____ for a happy home (**Ephesians 5:25**)
- The "more excellent way" of **1 Corinthians 12:31** that surpasses all other ways is now seen in detail – God's Love. Natural Human love is but a shadow, tainted by _____. At the heart of this highest kind of love is the concept of _____.
- AGAPE LOVE GIVES ITSELF COMPLETELY WITH NO THOUGHT OF ANYTHING IN RETURN. *It is the reasoning, compassionate, esteeming, willful type of love.*
- 4 Greek Words for Love: 1) *Eros* 2) *Phileo* 3) *Storge* 4) *Agape* = means "love: esp. charity; the love of God for man and of man for God."
- **LOVE AS DESCRIBED SO BEAUTIFULLY AND EXCELLENTLY IN THIS LOVE CHAPTER IS MORE THAN A WORD:**
 - 1st - In verses one through three, Paul described the _____ of LOVE.
 - Real love changes the way you think, it changes the way you talk, it changes the way you act, it changes the way you believe.
 - 2nd - Beginning in verse four, Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, described the _____ of LOVE.
 - When he talks about LONGSUFFERING and KINDNESS, he provides us with what we need to walk through the *tense, tough* and *troubling* times that we'll encounter in life.
 - He gives us the appropriate self-management skills for controlling our emotions so that we can *walk in love* and *walk in forgiveness* with other people during difficult moments.
 - 3rd - Starting in verse five, Paul, talks about the _____ of LOVE.
 - He mentions rudeness, self-seeking, and other qualities. When he does this, he's describing the things that *love does* and the things that *love does not* do.
 - 4th - Then, beginning in verse six, Paul, by the Holy Spirit, talks about the _____ of LOVE, which is where he says love does not

rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth, bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endure all things.

- **Power Points of the Love of God (Agape):**
- 1st - The Love of God is _____ and not _____ love – which is _____.
- 2nd - The Love of God is a _____ and not a **FEELING**.
- 3rd - LOVE is _____. It is the intense, eager yearning to do good.
- 4th - LOVE is a _____. It is the commitment to meet the needs of another without asking or expecting anything in return.
- 5th = LOVE is _____. It is anticipating the needs of another and meeting them.

LOVE: EVEN AS CHRIST LOVED US

Ephesians 4:26 (NKJV) – “Be angry, and do not sin”: do not let the sun go down on your wrath...”

- We all should live _____ and **CONSTRAINED** by the LOVE of CHRIST to regularly practice this Biblical “Sunset Rule”. Because, when we go more than a day with *Unresolved Anger*, it will metastasize and we either become **HOMICIDAL** or **SUICIDAL**. Having one’s emotions under control is a great mark of maturity.
- **Read Ephesians 4:31 – 32 (KJV)**
- **Ephesians 4:31 – 32 (CEV)** – “³¹Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don’t yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. ³²Instead, **be kind** and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.”
- Be **KIND**; be nice. The opposite of being KIND is being _____. God is Love. LOVE IS _____. EVERY _____ AND EVERY **ACTION (ACT)** THAT MAKES SOMEONE FEEL _____ IS EVIL. **1 Corinthians 13:4 (NKJV)** – “Love suffers long and is **kind**...” Paul doesn’t stop with his description of longsuffering in 1 Corinthians 13:4 but proceeds to introduce _____.

WALKING IN FORGIVENESS IS A PART OF WALKING IN LOVE

- We must realize that in life, in leadership [home; work; business or church] people will HURT you. When people HURT you two things occur:
 - (1) The _____ – Forgiveness deals with the _____.
 - **Read Matthew 5:44 (NKJV); Mark 11:25 (NKJV)** Walking in Forgiveness is a part of Walking in Love. Forgiveness should be practiced: (1) _____ (2) **PROACTIVELY**, (3) **REACTIVELY**, and (4) _____.
- **Forgiveness Process in Dealing the Trespass of Others:** (1) Let it drop (2) Leave it (3) Let it go (4) Give up the resentment.
 - (2) The _____ – We have to do something to deal with **ATTITUDE**.
 - The Bible says whatever we **BLESS** we take away the ability for it to HURT you. **Read 1 Peter 3:9 (NLT)**
- **How Do You Spell Release? (F-O-R-G-I-V-E-N-E-S-S):** **John 20:22 – 23 (NKJV)** WE SHOULD _____ A SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS, AND DROP THE BAD HABIT OF _____ OFFENSES. **Read Matthew 18:21–35**
- **Colossians 3:13 (NLT)** – “Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”
