

"Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life"

SERMON SERIES: "Love, Light + Life"			
Sermon Connection Handout: "Grow, Gi	ve & Live in Love" – 2/	24/2019	
Read 1 John 3:1 - 23 (NLT)			
	ver the past two weeks, we've discovered powerful truths from the awesome Epistle of 1 John.		
We learned the importance of STAYING	in the	and avoiding	
We learned insights	of <i>LIVING</i> in the	<u>CYCLE</u> and today we want	
to share the <i>imperative</i> of <i>GROWING</i> , <i>GI</i>			
<ul> <li>The simple yet profound verses is</li> </ul>			
	and receive: 1 John 3:11, 23 (NLT) - "11 This is the message you have heard from the		
beginning: We should love one a			
believe in the name of his Son, Je	esus Christ, <b>and love o</b> l	<b>ne another</b> , just as he	
commanded us."			
<ul> <li>We see this imperative of Love in</li> </ul>		<u>John 4:11 (NKJV)</u> – "Beloved, if	
God so loved us, we also ought			
<ul> <li>How do we fulfill this vital Kingdo</li> </ul>	m of God	of growing, giving and living in	
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GROW IN LOVE			
<u> Ephesians 4:15 – 16; Philippians 1:9 – 1</u>			
<ul> <li>The "more excellent way" of 1 Ce</li> </ul>			
seen in detail – God's Love. Natu			
	•	is the concept of	
<ul> <li>AGAPE LOVE GIVES ITSELF CO</li> </ul>			
RETURN. It is the reasoning, es			
<ul> <li>4 Greek Words for Love:1) Eros :</li> </ul>			
charity; the love of God for man a			
unlimited love of God! Agape			
language and is found almost n			
IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMOI			
LOVE AS DESCRIBED SO BEAU      NORE THAN A WORD.	TIFULLY AND EXCELL	ENTLY IN THIS LOVE CHAPTER	
IS MORE THAN A WORD:	David alas suils and the	- ( 1 0 ) / [	
1st - In verses one through three,  and Basing in the same factor Basing in the same factor.  Basing in the same factor is a same factor.  Basing in the same factor is a same factor.			
2nd - Beginning in verse four, Pau	ii, by the inspiration of ti	ne Holy Spirit, described the	
of LOVE.	allea alaasiit thaa	of LOVE	
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Starting in verse five, Paul, to			
LOVE, which is where he says lov		t, talks about theof	
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bears all things, believes all thing verses, we learn what it looks like		endure all triings. In these	
<ul> <li>Power Points of the Love of Go</li> </ul>			
1st - The Love of God is		HIIMAN Love which is	
• 1° - The Love of God is	and not	HUIVIAIN LOVE - WHICH IS	
<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> - The Love of God is a</li> </ul>	and not a	It is not in the	
emotional class.	and not a	It is not in the	
	It is the intense ass	ver vearning to de good	
• 3 <sup>th</sup> - LOVE is	It is the intense, eager yearning to do good.		

without asking or expecting anything in return. Love can also be described as your unconditional commitment to an imperfect person. Your commitment is contributing to their benefit and blessing and not to their downfall or demise (Ref Romans 13:8 - 10) 5<sup>th</sup> = LOVE is \_\_\_\_\_. It is anticipating the needs of another and meeting them. **GIVING IN LOVE** Galatians 5:13 (NLT) - "13 For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one One of the main manifestations of LOVE is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_. As we reflect back on 1 John 3:14 (NLT) which says, "14 If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead." John by the Holy Spirit tells us that the lack of \_\_\_\_\_\_is evidence that saving has not come to the forefront. Natural human love is \_\_\_\_\_ and SELF-SERVING. It can turn to \_\_\_\_\_ overnight. The LOVE of God is GIVING and FORGIVING; others \_\_\_\_\_\_. It lives to SERVE and \_\_\_\_\_ loving service to others. As a Christian Believer we GIVE our time, talent, treasure and testimonies for the benefit of the Kingdom of God and others. We are in a process of going from a into a : 7 Points to Consider

(1) Volunteering is an ; Serving is an \_\_\_\_\_ o (2) Volunteers focus on what they gave; Servants focus on what He (Jesus) gave. o (3) Volunteers often keep \_\_\_\_\_; But Servants make \_\_\_\_\_. See, when you start keeping score; you get frustrated, you get disgruntled and you get discouraged. Don't fall into the trap of keeping SCORE. (4) Volunteers are \_\_\_\_\_ SENSITIVE; Servants are SENSITIVE. They focus on the time. There will come NEEDS at an inconvenient TIME. (5) Volunteering makes us look \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. "I did...", "I used to..."; resume; etc.); Serving makes God look GOOD. It's not so much as you're noticed, but that He (The Lord) is noticed. (6) Volunteering is about \_\_\_\_\_\_; Serving is about o (7) Volunteering can make people feel \_\_\_\_\_; Serving is about LIVING IN LOVE Read 1 John 4:16 – 19 (NLT) • If people love God, they love their brothers and sisters. is the essential to the Christian life and faith. We must make the daily choice to \_\_\_\_\_; and allow the LOVE to GOD to dominate our atmospheres, attitudes and actions to be a blessing and a benefit to others. Believe the LOVE; ACT in LOVE; WALK in LOVE every day and in every way.