



“Triumphant In Christ, Victorious In Life”

SERMON SERIES: “Love, Light + Life”

Sermon Connection Handout: “Grow, Give & Live in Love” – 2/24/2019

Read 1 John 3:1 - 23 (NLT)

Over 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 **LIVING** in the _____ **CYCLE** and today we want to share the *imperative* of **GROWING, GIVING** and **LIVING** in the LOVE of GOD.

- The simple yet profound verses is one of the most important *imperatives* we can heed and receive: **1 John 3:11, 23 (NLT)** – “*11 This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 23 And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.*”
- We see this *imperative* of Love in Chapter 4 verse 11: **1 John 4:11 (NKJV)** – “*Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*”
- How do we fulfill this vital Kingdom of God _____ of growing, giving and living in _____?

GROW IN LOVE

Ephesians 4:15 – 16; Philippians 1:9 – 11; 1 Corinthians 13:1 - 13 (NKJV)

- 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, 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.” The ***unconditional, unflinching and unlimited*** love of God! **Agape _____ is one of the rarest words in the Greek language and is found almost nowhere in Greek literature apart from the NT. BUT IT IS ONE OF THE MOST COMMON WORDS WITHING THE NEW TESTAMENT.**
- **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
- **2nd** - Beginning in verse four, Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, described the _____ of LOVE.
- **3rd** - Starting in verse five, Paul, talks about the _____ of LOVE.
- **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. In these verses, we learn what it looks like when we apply love.
- **Power Points of the Love of God (Agape):**
- **1st** - The Love of God is _____ and not _____ **HUMAN** Love – which is _____.
- **2nd** - The Love of God is a _____ and not a _____. It is not in the emotional class.
- **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

