

Sermon Notes 11.01.2015 – “ Living the Love of God” #17

Love, patience and truth are always the way for us to walk, He created us to Live the love of God

The Work of the Holy Spirit in us is what produces the Love of God & the Gifts of the Spirit

Ministry out of abilities, gifts, or relationship

In Every Season, the Gifts of the Spirit and our relationship with God were given to us so that we can live our lives as a powerful demonstration of the Agape love of God – To Show who God Is because we are His.

Love Does not Fail at Any Time – It Endures!

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of* prophecy, they will be done away; if *there are* tongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Love Never Fails -

When you are trying to get your bearings or find your way, you try to find something that is constant – something that doesn't change and is always there.

- North Star, the Horizon, a Lighthouse or even a dock light, Our Balance, etc.

In Life, Agape (God's Love) is that Constant

- The Ethic of Agape Love – Not sure what is right? Choose the path that shows the Love of God most clearly.
- As we head into our eternity, every earthly thing that we trusted in will come to an end

That is why we are told in the Matthew

Matthew 6:19-21 "**Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth**, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "**But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 **for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

How much do we exhaust ourselves providing what is needed for this life?

There is wisdom in “exhausting” ourselves to “lay up treasure” elsewhere

- Wisdom is important, but remember that the greatest wisdom is:

Matthew 6:24-34 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and wealth.** 25 "For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 "Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? 27 "And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life? 28 "And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. 30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith! 31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' 32 "For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 "**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.** 34 "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

- Agape that we show with no thought of reward – Even Secret Agape

All of the Gifts of the Spirit are Temporal –

- They Vanish When “when the Perfect comes”
- When we come into the fullness of God’s presence – we won’t need the gifts
- Analogy - we will put them away like childish speech, thoughts, and reasoning

Three Things Will Endure with us into Eternity with God

- Faith – Persuasion & Conviction
- Hope – Expectation & Confidence
- Agape Love – God’s Love in Us – This is the “greatest”
(The biggest & strongest)

This is the, “still more excellent way”

And then: 1 Corinthians 14:1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts

They are like a matched team of horses – they must be pursued together