

Gift of God's Love

Wednesday Night Bible Study (10-12-22)

1 Corin. 13:8-13

Love - Agape = The fatherly love of God for humans, as well as the human reciprocal love for God.

I. Selfless

A. Sacrificial

1. John 3:16

- a) Self can no longer be the ultimate authority
- b) Romans 6:6-13

B. No Strings Attached

1. Romans 5:5-8

- a) "shed abroad" = pour out
- b) Given unto us - Gift
- c) He died for the "ungodly", the "enemies" of God
 - (1) Would you die for your enemies?

2. Security in God's Love = Freedom to freely give it away

a) Matt. 10:8

- (1) We must first freely receive the love of God, before we can then freely give it to others.

b) Eph. 3:14-21

- (1) God can do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think by His spirit IN US and THROUGH US when we are rooted and grounded in God's love and can comprehend it's vastness.

c) Perfect love casts out fear! 1 John 4:18

(1) Mature/full grown love

- (a) There is nothing to loose when you are established in the love of God.

- i) Nothing can separate us from it! - Romans 8:39

d) Be the one to offer love first

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II. Eternal

A. Binding

1. The love of God is based on a covenantal decision. A covenant of Love

- a) A legally binding contract sealed with blood. No divorce, no turning back, no changing your mind. Stays in tact when it's easy as well as when its hard.

2. Matt. 5:17, Galatians 3:13-14, and Galatians 4:4-7

- a) A righteous man will swear to his own hurt! - Psalm 15:4

- b) The love of God is always on the table. No matter who you are or what you have done. It's a free gift that never expires, and never goes out of date.

- (1) An offering made once for men for all time.

- (a) Hebrews 10:10 - “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.”

3. Romans 8:31-39 - Nothing can separate us from the love of God!

III. Must Be Shared

A. 1 John 4:7-11

- 1. “God is Love”
 - a) God is the only source of Agape Love.
 - (1) Can’t be manufacture or reproduced, and you can’t find it anywhere other than the presence of God.
- 2. vs. 11 - “If God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.”
 - a) vs. 21 - “And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.”
 - b) If we are not sharing the love of God, then we do not truly know God and His love.
 - (1) It’s impossible to know God, and not love our “brother”.
 - c) 1 John 5:3-4
 - (1) It won’t be a burden to love like God loves, but it must be with God’s kind of love.