



Bible Study: Thursday, March 1st, 2018.

TOPIC: FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

LOVE IS THE GREATEST. PART 2

GOD FIRST

Deut 6:5, 10:12, 30:20, Josh 22:5, 23:11

THEN YOUR NEIGHBOR

Lev 19:18, John 13:34, John 15:12, 1 John 3:11,

You cannot claim you love God if you cannot love mankind. I John 4:20

Your love must exceed that of the Pharisees. Matt 4:46-48

- **Love should be sincere;** Rom 12:9 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- **Love is a true sign that you are a Christian:** John 13:35, Luke 6:27-28,
- **Love is the greatest Law of God.** Mk 12:33, Gal 5:14,
- **Love should be sincere, practical and genuine.** Judges 16:15a, Rom 12:9,

What are the benefits of Love?

- They will know that we are His disciples. John 13:35
- Live in Peace 2 Cor 13:11.
- Brings the fullness of God Eph 3:17-19

Now Love is

1. 1 Cor 8:1b 1 ¶ Now concerning things offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but **love edifies.** (Builds up)
2. 1 Cor 13:4 ¶ **Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade(exalt) itself, is not puffed up (proud);**
3. 1 Cor 13:5 does not **behave rudely**, does not **seek its own**, is not **provoked**, **thinks no evil;**
4. 1 Cor 13:6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
5. Col 3:14: But above all these things put on love, which is the **bond of perfection.**
6. 1 John 4:18: The Perfection of love is the disappearance of fear. There is **no fear in love;** but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.
7. 1 Cor 13:4 Real love will not give up, it suffers long. Song 8:7 7 Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, It would be utterly despised.
8. 1 Cor 13:7 7 **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**
9. 1 Cor 13:8 8 ¶ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. (Did Jesus fail) It was

love that moved Him to the cross. His death on the cross could have given the devil the feeling that Jesus has failed but today see the number of persons who profess Jesus.

10. Col 2:2 Results in the unity of believers.
11. Rom 12:10, Philemon 8:9, Real Love is not pushy
12. Rom 14:21, 15:1-2 Considers the weaknesses of others.
13. Gal 5:13 Real love serves
14. Without love there is no real increase. I John 4:9, John 3:16, Rom 5:8

Conclusion: But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. Whether there is beauty, it will disappear. And so there remain Faith, Hope, and Love--these three; and of these the greatest is Love. (WNT). Without love the world will fail. It will collapse it might seem to succeed for a while but finally it collapses. Love only can survive time. Time is a sure proof of love. If you say you love, give the love some time. Just like many plants will not survive all seasons, all desires do not survive all seasons only love will.

Next We shall be talking about Forgiveness.