

Love One Another

1 Peter 4:7 But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.
8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."
9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We saw in our first meeting that the love of Jesus for the Father was the moving force in His following the Father's will and finishing the work that He was called to do.

Last night we saw the reasoning behind loving Jesus.

I. Peter said:

A. The time of the end is near.

1. Be serious
2. Watchful in prayers

B. Above all else have fervent love for one another.

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2. Fervent love
3. For one another.

C. Love covers a multitude of sins.

1. The word is sins.
2. How can this be?
3. How do we love our children.
4. If people of God sin, has God not made provision for that.
 - a. That does not mean we should not try to restore them.
 - b. Ga 6:1 ¶ Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

II. What did Jesus say

A. But love was a dominate teaching of Jesus.

1. He knew that this little group that He had was divided and that they would never survive as a church unless there was some overwhelming force that would keep them together.
2. Joh 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all will

know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

3. Just think of that, Love will be the grand mark that displays our relationship to Jesus.
4. John records these thing and it was not lost on John.

III. John the beloved

A. He is called that because he always refers to himself by as the disciple whom Jesus loved.

B. But he had not always been that way.

1. Luke 9:51 Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, 52 and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. 53 But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. 54 And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" 55 But He turned and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. 56 "For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went to another village.

2. Shall we burn them up Lord?

3. That is why Jesus called them Sons of Thunder.

a. Mr 3:17 James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder";

b. Don't you just love Jesus' sense of humor?

C. But look at what John says about this subject.

1. 1Jo 4:7 ¶ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

2. 1Jo 4:10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

3. 1Jo 4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

4. 1Jo 5:1 ¶ Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of

Him.

5. 2Jo 1:5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

IV. But the Apostle Paul has more to say than anyone.

- A. 1Th 3:12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,
- B. 1Th 4:9 ¶ But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another; 10 and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;
- C. 2Th 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,
- D. Col 3:12 ¶ Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
- E. Ro 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

We have to close with the story of Jesus about love.

Luke 10: 25 ¶ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 "Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 "Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 "But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 "So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 "On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."