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"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."-Ecclesiastes 12:13



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SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS - 9:30 AM

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WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

A Corinthian Kind of Love

By Phil McIntosh



Are there any better words to hear than "I love you"? For some, it is a phrase that is said too early in a relationship, potentially ending it before it gets off and running, and for others, it is a phrase which is seldom uttered to those for whom those individuals feel the most intense passion. No one knows when the earth will orbit the sun for the last time before the Lord appears (**Matt. 24:36**). No one knows when his last breath will be before he or she flies away toward eternity (**Jam. 4:14**). I was recently listening to a popular song, released way back in the 1980's, wherein a man is worried if someone he loves dearly would know how deeply he loved them if he unexpectedly passed from this world. How do you remedy that? Tell those you love on a more frequent basis what they mean to you. Whether that is a spouse, a parent, a child, or family in Christ- make sure those around you know that they hold a special place in your heart.

The word *love* has a variety of usages and intentions. The English language usually reverts to this common word regardless of the intensity experienced or the subject of such a feeling. One example would be that we *love* our family, we *love* God, and we *love* pizza. Do we feel differently toward those recipients of our compassion? Surely, we do; however, we use the same word. It might be beneficial to us to ask ourselves what *love* means. How would you define love? Can you put it into words? Whatever your conceptualization of love is, perhaps the actualization of it in your life can stand to improve. Perhaps some, even most, would admit that they could love better, more deeply, more intimately, and more frequently than currently.

For the most accurate definition and representation of love, one should turn to God's word. God should be our first and final resource for information, but especially for love since the scripture states that He "is love" (**1 Jn. 4:8**). Nobody loves without God, nobody understands love without God, and nobody would be able to conceptualize what love is and what it does without God (**Is. 55:8-9**). The English word "love" is found over 500 times in the Bible, the first recorded usage of it being the bond which existed between Abraham and his son, Isaac (**Gen. 22:2**). Though the word might not be written or addressed specifically, the concept and actualization of love shows up much earlier in Moses' writing. In the first chapter of the first book of the Bible, we read that God made us a world, made us a wonderful celestial and terrestrial environment, and then made us. In the second chapter of the first book of the Bible, we read that God breathed into His creation the animation of life and provided him with a life companion. In the third chapter of the first book of the Bible, God's creation transgressed against Him and the redemption plan which would cost the death and blood of the Word which became flesh (**Jn. 1:14**) was promised. Three chapters of God's interaction with man; three chapters with love in them.

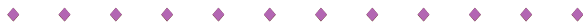
A further understanding of love can be read in the New Testament; perhaps most notably in the "love" chapter in 1 Corinthians. In a recently released movie someone disagreed with and disparaged the "love" of Corinthians; intimating that love was dangerous, tricky, and inevitably painful. I wonder how many people have become so jaded with their experiences in this world that they've allowed their feelings to sour toward the prospect of what love can truly be. If you'd like, pause your reading of this article here and go read all the entirety of the short chapter of 1 Corinthians 13. Paul said that if he possessed special and majestic speaking abilities, a mighty faith, or even gave himself in martyrdom, but did not possess love, the other things would all fall lifeless at his feet, accomplishing for him nothing (**1 Cor. 13:1-3**). He then goes on to explain what love is:

"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails."-1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Is that the love you show to others? Is that the love they show to you? Is that the love that is portrayed in our culture through television, song, movie, or some other media? People might agree with the line from the abovementioned movie that love is essentially quicksand, all too frequently painful. However, let me suggest to you that Paul was not writing about man's actualization of love, rather God's. The love in 1 Corinthians 13 is more perfectly understood when one sees it as the love which proceeds from God. It is a love for which man might strive, but in the completion of which he quite often falls short. It tells us what love is *supposed* to be. It gives us a goal to work toward- the standard exhibited to us by God. Remember what Paul said it was because of love, that God, while we were flailing and failing, sent His Son to offer us freedom and eternal life (**Rom. 5:8**). Let us strive to exhibit not just "love", but a Corinthian kind of love, God's love (**1 Jn. 3:18**).

Going Through Trials

Shepherds Notes by Zack Petties



The definition is very important which is defined as "an affliction, act of testing, trying or trouble". When we go through these trials, the question may be asked "Why me" and maybe someone else. The purpose of these trials or difficulties proves our faith in God (1 Peter 1: 6,7) for example: when there's sickness in your family, death in your family, loss of job in your family, loss of love in your family, loss of food and clothing in your family, and a loss of respect for others and yourself. When trials occur will we draw closer to God or away from him? We must accept trials as part of the refining process that burns away impurities and prepares us to meet Christ. All Christians face such trials when they let their light shine into the darkness of this world. Enduring trials it produces humility and patience (2 Cor. 12:7,10; Rom 5:3). Like matter our trials, struggles, hurts, and persecutions refine and strengthen our faith, making us useful to God.

The Apostle Paul made mention of the thorn in the flesh he was told, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Cor. 12: 9). The fact that Paul affliction wasn't remove it demonstrated God power is displayed in our weakness should give us courage and hope. As we recognize our limitations, we will depend more on God. Our limitations not only help develop Christian character but also deepen our worship, because in admitting them, we affirm Gods strength.

Brothers and sisters, trials are a part of life. Accompanying each difficulty though God has provided a way of escape (1 Cor. 10: 13). Sometimes we cringe at the thought of problems and difficulties, we need resistance and trials to challenge and make us better people. Without trails, we tend to be arrogant. Ps. 119:71 says, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted: that I might learn thy statues". Christians look to have encouragement to commit to God, because he is our Creator, and faithful in all his promises.

In love,
Brother Petties

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 10 - IVAN MCINTOSH (15)
- 12 - ANDREW FORKEY
- 18 - MICHELLE MCINTOSH
- 19 - ARCHIE TURNER
- 24 - GABI WILLIAMS (9)
- 26 - ANNIECE BANE
- 28 - JULIA JONES
- 28 - MARTHA WILLIAMS



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Briana Griffith on her recent achievement in which she was awarded the Blue Ribbon (Superior) & Best of Show in braiding at the SkillsUSA, 2022 Cosmetology State Competition, in Corpus Christi. She also earned her Cosmetology license last Tuesday, in Austin.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME



JOIN US!

P.E.P. NIGHT

HOLY BIBLE

(Personal Evangelism & Pizza)

Join us for P.E.P. Night on April 15th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall.



Save the Date!

2022 Ladies Retreat

Using Our Talents

1 Peter 4:10

Saturday, April 23rd

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

@ the Nolanville Campground

Join Us!!!

Ladies, please join us for our 2022 Ladies Retreat on Saturday, April 23rd, from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm, at the campground. It's a potluck and sign-up sheets are on the ladies' bulletin board with further information. If there is severe weather, then we will meet in the fellowship hall.

Please join us for a
Baby Shower
 honoring
GAYLEN & NICHOLE WILLIAMS
 Sunday, April 24th
 at 3:00 pm

Items requested are: Boy's diapers, wipes (size 1 & up), 0-6months clothing, hooded towels, & washcloths.



Congrats GRADS!

SENIOR BANQUET

Join us for a High School Senior Banquet honoring Jaden Seay & Briana Griffith on Saturday, April 30th, at 6:00 pm, in the fellowship hall. Details are posted in the foyer with a sign-up sheet to bring food, or you may donate money to Phil or Michelle McIntosh, or Vicky Polanco.

APRIL CLEANING CALENDAR

- May be done any time before the next Sunday.
 - Please consult with your team leader for further questions.
- THANK YOU!**

March 27-TEAM ZACK	17-TEAM PHIL
Zack	Michelle
Amanda	Beverly
Diedre	Donna
Paul	Josephine
Ruby	Yvonne
April 3-TEAM ROGER	Lois
Patrick	Marcella
Brenda	24-TEAM LEE
Roger	Lee
Linda	Natalie
10-TEAM JAMES S.	Rufus
Kim-Marie	Derek
Xavier	Ken
Jaden	Tim
Kingsford	

ORDER OF SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022:

- ◆ **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** ANDRÉ PETTAWAY
- ◆ **1ST PRAYER:** REGGIE BASS
- ◆ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **SCRIPTURE READING:** IVAN MCINTOSH
- ◆ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **SERMON:** PHIL MCINTOSH
- ◆ **INVITATION SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **SONG BEFORE COMMUNION:**
PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **COMMUNION:**
XAVIER SEAY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ◆ **SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **OFFERING:**
XAVIER SEAY & GIANNI GRIFFITH
- ◆ **CLOSING SONG:** PAUL PORTLEY
- ◆ **CLOSING PRAYER:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ **AUDIO/VISUAL:** PATRICK SELLERS
- ◆ **SECURITY:** BRUCE BROWN & ROGER DEEM

SCRIPTURE READING

“What is My Role?”
Colossians 3:18-21

- “¹⁸ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*
- ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.*
- ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.*
- ²¹ Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”*

