

## “Putting into Practice the Fruit of Love” 6/24/18

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-5c

Sermon Series- “What Love Looks Like- An Exposition of 1 Corinthians 13”

**Big Idea-** God shows us how to love; therefore we are to choose the way (life) of love in how we treat others.

*“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another”* (1 John 4:11)

#### LOVE OF GOD as found in Scripture

- 1) **Intra-Trinitarian love-** Love between Father and Son (John 3:35; 5:20; 14:31)
- 2) **Providential love-** God’s unconditional love for all people (Matt 5:45). We are to love like this.
- 3) **Dispositional love-** God is love. He yearns, invites, and seeks to save (Ezek 33:11; 1 Tim 2:4).
- 4) **Selective Eternal love-** the love God chooses to set on certain individuals (Mal 1:2-3; Jer 31:3).
- 5) **Conditional love-** given to those who are faithfully obedient (John 15:10; Exo 20:6; Jude 21).

**Agapao** (verb) – to be wholly committed to something or someone (Luke 11:43; John 3:19; 12:43; 2 Tim 4:10). Used also in Septuagint (Greek version of OT- Deut 6:5; Lev 19:18) and Classical Greek.  
**Agape** (noun) - rarely used in Classical Greek and OT. A love which takes affectionate delight in its object and seeks to serve others sacrificially to their benefit or edification regardless of their worth or value (cf. John 15:13; 1 Corinthians 8:1b; 13:3; Zephaniah 3:17; Isaiah 62:5).

**LESSON 1-** Practicing Love requires us to understand what Love IS

- A. The love we see in God and are to do is LONG SUFFERING  
(Matt 18:26-27; Ex 34:6- long-tempered with people not circumstances)
- B. The love we see in God and are to do is KIND  
(Active- Luke 6:35; Eph 2:7; Rom 2:4; 2 Sam 9; doing good to others)

**LESSON 2-** Practicing Love requires us to understand what Love is NOT

- A. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not be JEALOUS  
(Prov 24:17- sadness when someone else succeeds; Cain, Saul-David)
- B. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not BRAG  
(Prov 27:2- “parade itself”, self-promote; “windbag”; 1 Cor 4:7)
- C. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not be ARROGANT  
(Pride- 1 Tim 3:7; “puffed up”; 1 Cor 4:6, 18, 19; 5:2; 8:1)
- D. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not be RUDE  
(Improper or shameful behavior; rude; 1 Cor 7:36)
- E. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not be SELF-SEEKING  
(“insist on its own way”; Tit 1:7 ‘not self-willed’; self-absorbed; 100s)
- F. Surrendering to God’s love, we should not be PETTY  
(“easily provoked”; “touchy”; Prov 19:11; James 1:19-20)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be like Him and love others because of His love for us!*  
“We love because He first loved us” – 1 John 4:19

*Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples*