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Love

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and for all people grow and overflow...*

I Thessalonians 3:12

At the start of each new year we often find ourselves thinking about our goals. Many of us find fresh inspiration to finally tackle those goals that seem to stay just out of reach. Some like to look back at what has already been completed. But, for others, disappointment and possibly shame try to divert our attention as the new year is just another reminder of that what we have failed to accomplish.

During this season of reflection, let us be careful to guard our hearts. Seek the Lord as we define new goals, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us. And let us not only be motivated by how we can better ourselves and our own lives, but "may the Lord make our love for one another and for all people grow and overflow" as we pursue a life of love toward others....

A Life of Love Toward Others

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1 John 4:11

"We love, because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

In 1 John 4:7-8 the Bible says, "God is love" and "love is from God". Love then is an essential part of God. God's love arrives in our hearts by the action of the Holy Spirit when we first receive Jesus and it matures as we follow Him (Romans 5:5 and 1 John 4:16-17).

In John 13:34 Jesus commanded His disciples "to love", to be like Him. God wants you to be like Jesus. God's love is more than just an emotion. With God's love we can love the unlovable just as God loved us when we were sinners!

Our feelings and emotions should not decide whether we should love or not. We should love God and love people no matter how we feel. Love is a decision to obey God and to do good toward others no matter how we feel!

The love of God is there deep in the center of the real you – willing good to all men regardless of who they are and what they do. God says, “Choose good, and will it to men.” This is love and is characteristic of a real Christian.

Love is always expressed by action. We see God Himself expressing His great love for us in this way in the following verses: In John 3:16, *“God so loved the*

Love and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

“But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.” 1 Corinthians 12:31

There are two very powerful statements in this verse. Both are of utmost importance and they are for the church today.

The first statement “the best gifts” is the exhortation that we should covet or eagerly desire the gifts of the Holy Spirit. All the gifts are good, but the “best” gifts are the ones which are needed the most at a given time.

Churches should not sideline the gifts of the Holy Spirit and relegate them to mid-week small group gatherings. We need them in our services. They are important and being open to the Holy Spirit on Sunday mornings means being open to the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit would choose to manifest Himself.

The second statement about a “more excellent way” Paul goes on explain in the next chapter. He begins thus: *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.” 1 Corinthians 13:1*

world that He gave His only begotten Son” and again in Galatians 2:20, “...the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.”

Jesus told a simple story which we know as “The Good Samaritan.” In this story, He illustrated the love of God and object upon which love is focused. We are to love as He loves, impartially. God has no favorites. We express our love in good deeds involving personal sacrifice (unselfishness). Our neighbor is to be the object of our love – anyone who is in need. That means everyone!

Our blessed Savior said to the man who prompted the above story: “Go and do likewise...Go and love all men.” Dare we live on a lower level?

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Reading this passage of scripture one comes to the understanding that love is the “more excellent way” and that the gifts of the Holy Spirit become meaningless unless they are exercised within the context of love. The greatest of all is love and the power of God works best when it is motivated by and ministered in love.

Galatians 5:6 tells us that, “faith worketh by love”. So, both faith and the gifts of the Spirit work best in the context of love.

I remember many years ago in Sweden when a woman in a service began to manifest demons. She was incredibly violent and out of control. I watched her send six large grown-up men flying through the air as they tried to bring her under control. The first four pews emptied in seconds and the whole congregation was frightened, including the preacher, which was me.

She sat on the platform in front of the pulpit, wild-eyed and growling like an animal. I did not quite know what to do, so I went to the back of the congregation and prayed, seeking the Lord’s guidance for around 10 minutes or so.

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Suddenly, the peace and the love of God filled me. I looked at the woman and felt a great love for her fill my heart. I walked up to the woman and picked her up. She growled and screamed at me and thrust her fingernails before my face. I sensed an incredible love, and the fear was gone from me. I then embraced her and held her close to my chest, and prayed softly in the spirit. I whispered, "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus" and sensed the love of Jesus flowing all over her. After almost a minute I let her go. She was completely free!

The Lord then said to me, "Perfect Love casts out all fear!" He said, "Because you were filled with my love, your fear was gone and I could set this woman free."

The next day, the woman was back and testified how she had been set free. She shared how she had been up all night praising God because she had peace and joy in her heart for the first time in her entire life.

Yes indeed, love is the more excellent way! And faith, the anointing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are the most powerful and bring the most fruit within the context of... LOVE.



Itinerary

January 29, 2017

Peckville Assembly of God

Blakely, PA, USA

Pastor Terry Drost

February 6-19, 2017

Crusades in Asia

March 5-19, 2017

AUSTRALIA

March 26, 2017

Trinity Algood

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