

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddie Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Al Corkren

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Bradley Box
Charles Berryhill
Ralph Burleson

Closing Prayer: Billy Box

Preparing the Lord's Supper Donna York

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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There Is No Love



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Beacon*



Love Believeth All Things

By Hugh Fulford

Concerning the characteristics of agape/love as they are to be displayed in mankind, Paul states that such love “beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (1st Cor. 13:7). Let us focus on the quallity, “believeth all things”.

At face value this statement could be taken to mean that a person of love “falls for” and believes everything he is told. Such is not the teaching of the statement, for then it would be in open conflict with the rest of God’s word. For instance, “Beloved, **believe not** (emphasis mine, HF) every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world” (1st John 4:1). Again, “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1st Thess. 5:21). Obviously, then, love does not throw a blanket of charity over everything for the purpose of making it acceptable! Christians are to “be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error” (Eph. 4:14)

Having thus said, what does it mean when it is stated that love believes all things? It simply means that a person with genuine Christian love is eager and anxious to believe the very best about every person and every situation. Facts may later surface that make it necessary for the person of love to no longer believe the good he had formerly believed about a person or event, but until those facts appear the loving person “believes all things”.

The Expositor’s Bible observes, “It (love, HF) has untiring charity, making every allowance, proposing every excuse, believing that explanations can be made, accepting greedily (we would say “avidly,” HF) such as are made, slow to be persuaded that things are as bad as rumor paints, hoping against hope for the acquittal, or at any rate for the reformation, of every culprit”. Thus, Christian love does not believe the worst but the best; it is not quick to censor and condemn, but quick to exonerate until facts demand otherwise.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Tommy Housh: diagnosed with bladder cancer, please pray that they will be able to successfully defeat this cancer

Ren Garrison (Donna Martin’s Nephew): is still dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that this issue will be dealt with successfully

Jack Willis (Meg Rutledge’s Father) is fighting cancer, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Shauna Silas: diagnosed with thyroid cancer, please be praying that with treatments this cancer will be defeated

Josh Berryhill: dealing with back trouble, please pray that with proper medical treatment that he will improve

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Box: some ongoing other health problems, please pray that she will improve

Ruth Addison: recovering from recent illness, please pray that she will regain her strength

Nelle Fraizer (Lellie’s Sister); she has some ongoing health problems

Celia Grace Hamlett (3 year old): diagnosed with a very rare genetic disease, let us pray that doctors will be able to help her

Vernalen Avery: she recently received a pacemaker, please pray that this will help her

Carolyn Caudle: recovering from recent fall, please pray that she has no problems as she recovers

Glynda Long: she is fighting stage 4 colon cancer, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

Vance Hutton: recovering from prostate cancer surgery, please pray that there will be no complications

Upcoming Events

July 19th Fellowship Meal

July 19th 3rd Sunday Night Singing

Notice the qualities of love surrounding this one – “taketh not account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness...beareth all things. . .hopeth all things”. The great McGarvey wrote concerning this characteristic of love, “It takes the kindest views of men’s actions and circumstances. It sees things in their brightest, not their darkest colors; and, as far as it consistently can, puts the best construction on conduct”. It was in this very spirit that Solomon said, “Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love covereth all transgressions” (Prov. 10:12). Similarly, Peter wrote, “Above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins” (1st Peter 4:8). Neither of these passages is condoning sin or saying that it should be winked at; each is saying that we are to be charitable in our interpretations of others’ actions and not be too quick to impugn wrongdoing until the facts demand such.

Whittier wrote, “O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with Thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!” That last clause captures the spirit! Interpreted by love! If more of our interpretations of others were rooted in love rather than in doubt and fear and suspicion, think what a difference it would make both in the church and in the world! Let such be our desire and disposition! Let such be our practice!

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The Greatest Of These Is Love

By Franklin Camp

Love is great because it is the source of the actions of God. It was God's love that led him to create man, and then it was his love that prompted him to seek man's redemption after the fall (1st John 4:7-10). God's love is the background of the scheme of redemption. The greatness of the love of God is manifested in the following ways: (1) He loves the unworthy (Rom. 5:6-8). (2) The greatness of God's love is seen in that he loves all. God's love is universal (John 3:16, Acts 10:34). (3) God is the source and fountain of love. God is spirit (John 4:24). God is light (I John 1:5). God is love (1st John 4:8). Spirit, light and love are expressions of God's personality and moral character. God's love points to the personality of God. The love of God is a denial of atheism. An abstraction cannot love. Power cannot love. The sun is powerful but no one can conceive of the sun as loving. Is it any wonder that atheism leaves the world loveless? Eliminate God as creator and there is no basis for love. (4) God's love is just (Rom. 3:26). God's love cannot overlook or ignore sin. God is not only love, he is righteous. And therefore, his love must harmonize with his being righteous.

The Love of Man

Love is great because it is the companion of a working faith. Faith apart from love is cold, as faith apart from works is dead (Gal. 5:6, James 2:26). Saving faith must be accompanied by love or it leaves faith empty (1st Cor. 13:1-3). Love is great because it crowns the Christian character (2nd Peter 1:5-7). Love is great for without it there would be no gospel to be believed (John 3:16). Love is great because it is sacrificial. It led God to sacrifice his Son, Christ to sacrifice heaven and his life on the cross. It constrained Paul to suffer hardship, endure prison, and finally give up his life for the love of his Lord in a lost world (2nd Cor. 5:14, 2nd Cor. 11:23-27, 2nd Tim. 4:6-8). Love is great because it obeys (John 14:15). Love is great because it is practical (1st John 2:17-18). Love is great because it serves in the lowest places. Love does not select and pick places to serve. It serves wherever needed no matter how lowly (John 13:1, 4, 5). Love is great because it make service easy (Gen. 29:20). Jacob's service was not burdensome because of his love for Rachel. So, of our love for Christ, it is a joy to serve and obey Him. If your service is a burden instead of a joy, you need to look into your heart.

Love is great because it is interested in giving, not getting (Acts 20:35, 2nd Cor. 8:1-5). Love is great because it is the foundation of marriage, the guardian of the purity of the home, the training and the discipline of children, and the answer to the divorce mills of our day (Eph. 5:22-33). No wonder Paul said, now abideth these three but the greatest of these is love. The crying need in the church of the Lord today and in a world that is filled with hate is the love that is set forth in the Bible. Inspired by God's love for man and reproduced in the life of the one who loves him.

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The Love and Compassion of Jesus

Luke 13:34-35

- ➡ Love Is PERSONAL 13:34a "O Jerusalem..."
- ➡ Love Is PLAIN 13:24b "who kills the prophets..."
- ➡ Love Is PERSISTENT 13:34c "how often I wanted"
- ➡ Love Is PROTECTING 13:34d "to gather your children..."
- ➡ Love Is POINTED 13:34e "but you were not willing"
- ➡ Love Is PRONOUNCING 13:35a "See! Your house is left to you desolate"
- ➡ Love Is PREDICTIVE 13:35b "you shall not see Me until the time comes..."

Barnes' Bible Charts