

A Certain Faith (So That You May Know)
Message 5- "The Irreducible Lowest Common Denominator
of Kingdom Living"
1 John 3:10-20
October 31 & November 1, 2009

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." Mark 12:28-34

Kingdom Living Boils Down to Two Things

"And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us."

1. LOVE _____ -
2. LOVE _____ -

The common denominator of the kingdom = _____.

CHARACTERISTICS OF REAL LOVE

1 John 3:10-20

1. Real love endeavors to walk in _____ and _____. 1 John 3:10, 23

"This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother."

"And this is His command: to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us." Vs. 23

- Loving God begins with believing.
- Loving God evidences itself in a life of truth and obedience.
- Loving God is revealed in our relationships with others.

2. Real love develops a _____. John 3:10-15

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. 15 Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in Him."

See John 8:42-47

"You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." Vs. 44

Developing a "NO STICK" Spirit

- Remember the "Overflow Principle"
- Remember the "Logitis Principle"
- Remember the "Love Covers Principle"

When You Simply Cannot Overlook:

1. They are hurting others.
2. They are hurting themselves.
3. They are continuing to hurt you.

"Hatred stirs up dissensions, but love covers over all wrongs." Prov. 10:12

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

3. Real love ministers to the _____. 1 John 3:16-18

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

Compassion = Being moved _____ enough to _____.

Three Important Love Lessons to Remember

A. _____!
"Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and with truth."

Words vs. Actions Tongue vs. Truth

"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. 27
Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself
from being polluted by the world." James 1:26-27

B. Love begins with _____
Vs. 16 & 17 "Brothers"...to "Brother".

"It is easy to talk about "Loving the Brethren" and to neglect to help a single other believer. Christian Love is personal and active." Warren Wiersbe

"Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38
When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?'" Matt. 25:34-46

C. Real love's _____ Vs. 16
"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers."

Notice John 3:16- "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

3 Beautiful Blessings for Christians Who Love

1. Assurance- Vs. 19-20
2. Answered prayer- Vs. 21-22
3. Abiding relationship with Christ- Vs. 23-34