



LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR

I.) DEFINITION OF LOVE

- a. English word 'love'
- b. Agape- love

Life Application

II.) LOVE IS A VERB

- a. Not a feeling
- b. 1 Cor.13: 4-7 there are 14 verbs used to describe love
- c. Today's culture definition of love

Life Application

III.) LOVE FOR DIFFICULT PEOPLE

- a. list of difficult people
- b. difficult people, agents of sanctification

Life Application

IV.) LOVE NEVER ENDS

- a. reason for love's permanent existence
- b. Love in when you know other's mistakes and flaws

Life Application

**Life Group Homework/ Bible Study &
Food for Thought**
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

NIV – New International Version or where is the case we use ESV- English Standard Version

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week teaching, was there anything new you learned or anything that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1Cor. 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing. 1Cor. 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1Cor. 13:8 Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Questions:

1. Give a definition for love. What is the most predominant word used for love?
2. Pastor David talked about today's culture definition of love. Find many other definitions, expressions of today's culture? What do you see?
3. Talk about difficult people to love in your life? How do you really love them?
4. Pastor David talked about that love is a verb. What part of love as "verb" describes you?
5. How do you respond when you know that Christ fully knows you and continue to love?
6. Christ's love never ends. In the light of this how do you change you love for others?



LIFE GROUPS

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Commitment to Personal Goals:

1. Scripture Reading (specific and attainable)
2. Scripture Memorization (verse/ passage)
3. Relationships/ Evangelism
4. Personal

Group Goals

- ↑ LOOK UP towards Christ
 - Grow in love for Christ and confidence in Him
- ↓ LOOK DOWN into the God's Word
 - Learn God's word and how to study it
 - Apply God's word to my life in specific ways
- ➡ LOOK IN at my own life
 - Identify and fight against sin in my life
 - Cultivate godly character and spiritual maturity
 - Improve my devotional life or reading and prayer
- ← LOOK OUT towards others
 - Serve other church members purposefully
 - Nurture relationships for accountability and prayer
 - Strengthen n the relationships within my home
 - Develop loving friendships with outsiders for the purpose of evangelism

Responsibilities for Group Members

1. Be committed to GCC and its mission, leadership and goals LG
2. Attend Sunday services each week, or let someone in the group know why I miss
3. Prioritize group meetings by arriving on time each week
4. Complete any assignments for the group and come prepared to participate
5. Participate in meetings without disrupting or monopolizing time and attention of others
6. Cultivate trust within the group and be honest, transparent and teachable
7. Show love, concern and hospitality to visitors

Sermon Message:

Welcome on grace community church website channel! I hope that as you watch our videos with messages and bible studies, you will be enriched, and your faith will grow.

Happy Sunday to all of you! I hope you are well today, and your family is safe!

Happy Father's Day! Those of you who are fathers, I want it to let you know that you are special! You have a special place in God's plan!

Today I would like to continue our theme "How to deal with fear," which we began last month. We are in a series of messages that deal with fear.

So far, we have seen what fear does to us then we have seen. In my first message, I have talked about how fear affects our lives and how to deal with it, Then I spoke of the fear of uncertainty. Jesus took his disciples in a boat on the sea of Galilee, and suddenly they experience an expected event- a storm that shook their faith. And in my message, I answer the question of how to deal with the fear of uncertainty. Then the next message was about fear of insignificance, and I have answered the question: What if I do not count? What if my life is not so important? Then last Sunday, I spoke about the fear of change.

So, we continue our message series with today's message;

Love drives out fear.

If you have a bible I would like to point out to a particular text:

1 John 4: 18

I.) Definition of love

English is weak in terms of description of the word love. In fact, we are limited to how we use the word love.

Let me give you some examples:

I love my car; I love my motorcycles; We say I love this food! Or I love this place or this house and so on. But we need to learn what love is. How love is described in the bible.

Paul uses a particular word, something unique, specific. Love is a specific kind of thing:

Paul uses the word "agape."

1 Corinthians 13: 1-3

Description of agape:

1 Corinthians 13: 6-7 v. 13

Paul concludes with a list. Which was very well known but Christians in the city of Corinth? They had these 3 words often used in their culture: faith, hope, and love.

But Paul does something unique. Love is the most important and above everything.

II.) Love is a verb

Love is not a feeling, not an emotion, not a something to experiment at feelings or emotional level.

Love is not the vibe, as many people speak of today.

Love is a verb.

So love is a movement, an action.

1 Cor.13: 4-7 Paul uses 16 verbs to describe love not something static, unmovable, theoretic, and impersonal

Culture's definition of love

We are educated to consume things. So, in other words, we are educated to get things, and because we are a society which based on consumerism thus, we translate the same concept in love.

So, in other words we expect people to consume love, to get love. Less to give and show love to others.

III.) Love for difficult people

There is a specific way to manifest love in this world.

Love is not as a teaching a subject for study. Love is not an abstract topic for abstracts philosophical discussions.

Love is an action for difficult people.

Let me explain it to you:

It is so easy to love those who love you.

It is so easy to show respect for those who respect you.

But if you deal with difficult people, that is a challenge.

So, do me a favor and try to find difficult people to love.

They are people who transform you.

Those people from that list, are people who sanctify you.

These difficult people are agents of your sanctification process.

They transform you.

You need to learn to manifest Love.

IV.) Love never ends

1 Cor. 13:8

Paul speaks about that love has no end.

There is a limit for prophecies

There is an end for languages

There is an end even for knowledge

But love never ends.

But why Paul would say love never ends?

To communicate that, Paul uses a familiar object used in that city. It was an object used daily. In antiquity in Corinth, they made mirrors. And mirrors were used to reveal reality.

Of course, those mirrors were not perfected as we have them today.

But the function of a mirror is to reveal the true image of me and you.

The real image of who we are with our flaws and mistakes.

And Paul says here- now we see dimly as in a mirror.

In other words, there is no perfect image, you do not see in 4k high definition the image of life. It is not clear, crisp, vivid and sharp.....

It is so easy to love people when you do not know them.

It is so easy to love people when you know and see just their image form distance.

One, you just see their images, and that is it. When you do not see the details of their lives.

But if you begin to amplify the image to see all the details if not most of their lives details you love changes.

But, when you begin to know a person more carefully when you begin to see that person's flaws and mistakes, your Love or Love ends.

We begin to dislike them. We do not love them so much anymore.

When you begin to know them, you stop loving them, you love changes. – it is difficult to love them.

1 Cor.13: 12 Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, *as I am fully already known*.
Christ sees me fully and knows me fully. He knows you and me inside out.
You cannot hide anything.
He knows your weaknesses and mistakes and flaws.
He fully knows you. You do not fully know him yet.
And he loves you... His love di do not end for you. Because Love never ends.
Lets pray
Amen