

Initiated, Un-Inhibited, Impacting Love!

Sunday Morning, April 14, 2013

Thesis: As God's Children Make a Distinction in the World.
Show Christian Love!

Introduction:

E.M.P - (Electromagnetic Pulse) - Whether in times of Crisis or just daily life, Share Christian Love...Six Weeks Ago Today, I preached on Luke Chapter 6

I. Do You Initiate Christian Love? (Luke 6: 27 – 38)

27 "But I say to you who listen: Love your enemies, do what is good to those who hate you,
28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.
29 If anyone hits you on the cheek, offer the other also. And if anyone takes away your coat, don't hold back your shirt either.
30 Give to everyone who asks you, and from one who takes your things, don't ask for them back.
31 Just as you want others to do for you, do the same for them.
32 If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.
33 If you do what is good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.
34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners to be repaid in full.
35 But love your enemies, do what is good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is gracious to the ungrateful and evil.
36 Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.
37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
38 Give, & it will be given to you; a good measure— pressed down, shaken together, and running over—will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you."

II. Is Christian Love Inhibited by Blindness? (Luke 6: 39 – 45)

39 He also told them a parable: "Can the blind guide the blind? Won't they both fall into a pit?
40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.
41 "Why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye?
42 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself don't see the log in your eye? Hypocrite! First take the log out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck in your brother's eye.
43 "A good tree doesn't produce bad fruit; on the other hand, a bad tree doesn't produce good fruit.
44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs aren't gathered from thornbushes, or grapes picked from a bramble bush.
45 A good man produces good out of the good storeroom of his heart. An evil man produces evil out of the evil storeroom, for his mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

Seeing Faults in Others As a Habit is Blinding
Examine Ourselves - (Heart, Motives, Actions)

III. Know that the Impact of Christian Love Stands Strong! (Luke 6: 46 – 49)

46 "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things I say?
47 I will show you what someone is like who comes to Me, hears My words, and acts on them:
48 He is like a man building a house, who dug deep & laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built.
49 But the one who hears & does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The river crashed against it, & immediately it collapsed. And the destruction of that house was great!"

Dug a Deep Foundation
Love Others Knowing We Are Accountable to God

(I Corinthians 13: 1 – 13)

1 If I speak human or angelic languages but do not have love, I am a sounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

3 And if I donate all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited,

5 does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.

6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth.

7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for languages, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10 But when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end.

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things.

12 For now we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.

13 Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Conclusion:

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