

Love One Another Deeply – CGYG & LIFE Fellowships (January 16, 2009)

Jesus on love

- Jesus commands us, as His disciples, to _____ as _____ (John 13:34; John 15:9-17)
- The reality of our claim to be His disciples is demonstrated by _____ (John 13:35)
- Love for one another stems from _____, as we continue in His love and live in _____ to Him (John 15:9-12)
- Loving one another as Christ loved us means _____ for others (John 15:12-14)
- Loving one another means _____ (John 13:1-5, 12-17)
- Our love needs to extend not just to _____, but to others as well, even to _____ (Matt. 5:43-48)

Peter on love

- Genuine love for one another flows from our _____ in _____ (1 Peter 1:22-23)
- We grow in love as we feed on _____ (1 Peter 1:22-23, 2:1-3)
- Love is the _____ of Christian virtues (1 Peter 4:8a; 2 Peter 1:5-8)
- Love for one another involves both _____ and _____
 - Getting rid of _____ attitudes & actions (1 Peter 2:1; 1 Peter 4:8a,9)
 - Developing loving _____:
 - _____ / _____ of love for one another (1 Peter 1:22-23)
 - _____ / _____ for one another (1 Peter 2:17)
 - _____ & _____ towards others; a _____ attitude (1 Peter 3:8)
 - Developing loving _____:
 - Acting in ways that promote _____; treating others with _____ and _____ (1 Peter 3:8)
 - _____ / _____ others' sins against you (1 Peter 4:8)
 - _____ one another with the _____ God has given you (1 Peter 4:7-11)

John on love

- Loving one another is not a _____
 - Has been a central theme of Christianity since _____ (1 John 3:11; 2 John 1:6)
 - Not merely an _____, but _____ that a person has truly been born again (1 John 4:7)
- Love for one another involves both _____ and _____
 - Getting rid of negative attitudes & actions: _____ → _____ / _____ (1 John 3:12-15)
 - Developing loving attitudes
 - *Love one another as* _____ (John 15:12-14; 1 John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-12)
 - Sharing _____ and having _____ (1 John 3:17-18)
 - Getting rid of negative attitudes & actions: *A WARNING!!!!* (1 John 2:9-11; 1 John 3:14-15,18-20; 1 John 4:8,20-21)

Paul on love

- Love is _____ (Romans 13:8; Colossians 3:12-14; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13)
- True love is grounded in _____ (1 Timothy 1:3-5; 1 Corinthians 13:6)
 - _____ promotes _____ & _____; inhibits love and loving relationships → tears down
 - Teaching & speaking the truth in love _____, even if that truth by necessity has a hard edge (i.e. rebuke) (Eph. 4:14-16; 2 Corinthians 2:2-4)
 - but beware – _____ / _____ without love just _____ (with pride) (1 Cor. 8:1-3)
- Love involves getting rid of negative attitudes & actions towards others (Gal. 5:13-15; Rom. 13:9; Rom. 12:9-17; Eph. 4:15,29; Rom. 14:13-15; 1 Cor. 13:4-6)
- Love means _____ with one another → _____ for and _____ one another (Rom. 12:9a,15; 1 Thess. 2:6-12)
- Love means being _____ and _____ with one another, _____ one another's sins (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:12-14)
- Love means _____ one another (Gal. 5:13, 4:15-16)
- Love means putting others' interests before your own, to the point of giving up your _____ and _____ yourself for the benefit of others – just as Christ did for us (Phil. 2:1-4; Eph. 5:25-30; Rom. 14:13-15,21; 1 Cor. 8:13; 1 Thess. 2:6-12)
- We should always be _____ in love (Rom. 13:8; 1 Thess. 3:12; 1 Thess. 4:9-10)

Summary

- Jesus commands us to _____ as _____

- Love comes from God and is an important _____ that God _____ in us
 - love is also our _____ to the watching world that we are _____
 - _____ of love calls into question the reality of our _____

- Love is rooted in _____
 - Right _____ promotes love; false _____ destroys it
 - we need to _____ the _____ in _____ in order to build one another up

- Love involves both _____ and _____
 - getting rid of _____ _____ and _____
 - such as....

 - developing loving _____ and _____
 - such as....

 - _____ for one another's _____
 - _____ one another

- We should always be _____ in love

Application

9 ways to grow together in love in 2009

1. Grow in love for _____
2. Deeper _____ and _____ of the love of Christ
3. Greater appreciation of the reality that we are _____ and _____ in Christ
4. "Enough about _____, what about _____?"
5. More willingness to _____ over _____ others may have committed against you
6. Ridding ourselves of
7. Greater passion to see one another _____ in _____, resulting in
8. Greater willingness to make _____ _____ and give up our _____ for the benefit of others
9. _____ in love
 - Continuing growth in the _____ of our love
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