



GENUINE

DISCIPLE

PART 12: GENUINE LOVE

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- ❖ Genuine love is _____ from the author of love.
- ❖ Genuine love is revealed by the _____ of God.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a ⁴ GOD is patient, GOD is kind. GOD does not envy, GOD does not boast, GOD is not proud. ⁵ GOD does not dishonor others, GOD is not self-seeking, GOD is not easily angered, GOD keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ GOD does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ GOD always protects, GOD always trusts, GOD always hopes, GOD always perseveres. ⁸ GOD never fails.

John 3:16-17 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Romans 5:6-8 NLT When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

- ❖ The mark of a genuine disciple of Christ is one who loves like _____.

Matthew 22:36-39 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all



¹ John

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⁷ Dear

your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

❖ A genuine disciple of Christ _____ for the benefit of others.

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 and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

THE PRIORITY OF LOVE

1. Without love, all that I _____ is ineffective.

1 Corinthians 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or clanging cymbal.

2. Without love, all that I _____ is incomplete.

1 Corinthians 13:2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge ... but have not love I am nothing.

1 Corinthians 8:1 ...Knowledge puffs up, while love builds up.

3. Without love, all that I _____ is insufficient.

1 Corinthians 13:2b ...and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Galatians 5:6b The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

4. Without love, all that I _____ is insignificant.

1 Corinthians 13:3 If I give all I possess to the poor... but have not love, I gain nothing.

5. Without love, all that I _____ is inadequate.

1 Corinthians 13:3b ...If I give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (J.B. PHILLIPS) Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that still stands when all else has fallen.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.

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The passage of scripture we are studying this week is Isaiah 6:1-13.

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- Woodmen Campus (Women) - Tuesday @ 9:30a
- South Campus – Tuesday @ 6:45p