

**LOVE IS THE THEME (Part 2)**

I Corinthians 13:1-13

**Introduction:**

1. Last Sunday we talked about “What is Love?” and the things that destroy love relationships.
2. Some of the key factors that destroy love relationships include our tempers, our tongues, and soulish ties.
3. We discussed from the scripture as to how we can prevent all of these things from destroying our love relationships.
4. Today, I want us to begin looking at some of the Biblical foundations that are necessary for continual love relationships.

**I. THE COMMITMENT OF LOVE.**

1. We are to stay in a marriage and seek God’s help until it’s out of our control.
2. Matthew 19:5-6 – ***Jesus said, for this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh? Wherefore, they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.***
3. II Pt 2:21-22–***For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.***
4. Ecclesiastes 5:5 – ***Better is it that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.***

**II. THE COMMANDMENT OF LOVE.**

1. Matthew 22:36-40 – God and Neighbors.  
***Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all you soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.***

2. Matthew 5:44 – Enemies.  
***But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.***
3. Ephesians 5:25 – Wife.  
***Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave Himself for it.***
4. Titus 2:3-5 – Husband.  
***Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips, nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the Word of God may not be dishonored.***

{We looked at the commitment of love, the commandment of love, now . . . }

**III. THE CHOICE OF LOVE.**

1. Matthew 5:46 – ***Jesus said, if you love them who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not even the heathen do so?***
2. John 13:35 – ***By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one to another.***
3. I Peter 1:22 – ***Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart.***
  - A. The love that is spoken of here means that we are to exercise love even if we do not agree.
  - B. We are to exercise love toward others that is from the heart and not a desire to manipulate nor control others.

**Conclusion:**

1. Is love the theme of your life?
2. When we become a Christian, we make a commitment to love our Lord, and we are commanded to love our Lord, and we make a choice to love our Lord, and we are not to wane in our love relationship with Him.
3. When we get married, we make a commitment to love our spouse, and we are commanded to love our spouse (by our Lord), and we also must make a daily choice to walk in a love relationship with our spouse.