

Call To Worship

"Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved." (Psalm 55:22)

1 Peter 1:22-25

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever." And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

→ Are we known by how we love one another?

- *"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)*

- *"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)*

How Do You Measure Love?

1.) Personal Gain

2.) Personal Debt

3.) Personal Glory

What Are We To Do? Love One Another

1.) Godly Love

- *"We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, 'I love God.' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4:19-21)*

2.) Purity of Heart

What Does It Look Like?

1.) Sincere

2.) Earnest

What Is Our Motivation?

1.) Purification

2.) Obedience

- *"As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance." (1 Peter 1:14)*

3.) The Truth

How Do We Love One Another?

→ In Community

1.) Confront With The Gospel;

- *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like." (James 1:22-24)*

2.) Comfort With The Gospel;

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3.) Address Heart Issues

- *"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster." (Joel 2:12-13)*

Benediction

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