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“The Glorious Church”

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:27)

The Indispensable Feature -

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – (1) “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (2) 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. (3) If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

Galatians 5:6 – “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love...”

Proof Positive

Colossians

1:3-5, 7-8 – (3) “We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, (4) since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, (5) because of the hope laid up for you in heaven...(7) just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf (8) and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.”

John 13:34-35 – (34) “A new commandment I give to you, that you _____ one another: just as I have _____ you, you also are to _____ one another. (35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have _____ for one another.”

Increasing Evidence

1 Peter 1:22-23(a) – (22) “Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, (23) since you have been born again...”

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 – (9) “Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, (10) for that indeed is what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more,”

2 Thessalonians 1:3 – (3) “We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.”

Key Point: No Glory apart from Love

Response:

“These are the things that you shall do:

(1) Speak the truth to one another;

(2) render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace;” (Zechariah 8:16)

(3) “...through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

Questions:

impacted me the most in this message?

Do I actively love others (my family, church family)? (1 John 4:16-18)

What is ‘Faith’ associated with in these verses – Gal. 5:6; Eph. 1:15, 3:17; 1

Thes. 3:6, 5:8; 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:13?

enough ‘love evidence’ to prove I am a Christian?

Am I serving in God’s people? (John 13:12-17)

What

Is there