

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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LOVE NOTES

I. It's so important that we understand what we are saying

A. Three Greek words - physical, emotional and spiritual

B. God does love emotionally but He is and is driven by spiritual love

C. Agape is the spiritual and here is a description of it

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (AMP)

⁴ Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

⁵ It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

⁶ It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail.

⁷ Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].

⁸ Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

II. A new Commandment

A. John 13:34-35

1. THE New Testament commandment
2. Not just love but love as Jesus loves
3. Distinctive of disciples

B. James 2:8

1. We are not under law but under grace
2. This is the directive of the King

C. Romans 13:8-

1. Here law refers to the 10 commandments
2. The commandments can be obeyed merely outwardly
3. Love requires the heart

III. Faith's energy - Galatians 5:6

- A. Many translations render this "Faith expressed by love"
- B. The Greek word is *energeo*
- C. Faith gets its energy from love

IV. God helps us

A. Romans 5:1-5

1. Has been poured out in our hearts
2. Love for God and God's love through us
3. By the Holy Spirit - Always with us always flooding us
4. The issue is not a lack of love but rather a lack of desire and ability

B.1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

1. Paul's prayer for the church in Thessalonica - God's desire for us
2. Make us increase and abound - cause and enable us
3. Love is the key to holiness

C. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

1. Taught by God is one word in Greek and is a very literal translation
2. The only place in the New Testament where it is used