

INTRODUCTION: RIGHT DOCTRINE, WRONG DEFINITION (see Mt.6:33; Gal.5:22f; see Ps.119:160(Jn17:17); Mt.4:4; Heb.1:2,3)

I. LOVE: IMPERFECT BUT USEFUL DISTINCTIONS

A. EROS: TAKE WHAT YOU WANT (i.e., rape; Gen.34:2; 2Sam.13:1f,14f)

B. PHILOS: EXCHANGE FOR WHAT YOU WANT (Mt5:46f; Lk6:32f; Rm12:10; Phil.4:15; *quid pro quo*)

C. AGAPE: GIVE TRULY (Jn.3:16; Gal.2:20; Eph.5:2,25; see Lk.6:27f, 38; see 1Pt.1:22; 2Pt.1:7)

II. THE LOVE CHAPTER (c.13)

A. THE IMPORTANCE OF LOVE (1Cor.13:1-3)

B. THE ATTRIBUTES OF LOVE (1Cor.13:4-8; 10:24,33; see Eph.4:2f; Col.3:5f,14; etc.)

C. THE SOURCE OF LOVE (1Cor.13:12; 8:3; 1Jn.4:19; perpetuating; Jn.14:21,23)

III. LOVE ENABLES RIGHT USE OF ALL THINGS (16:4,24; see 2Cor.13:11,14; Gal.5:22f; Mk.10:45)

A. RIGHTS & FREEDOMS IN CHRIST (c.8-11)

1. *without love: arrogant, selfish use to the harm of others* (8:1a,2; 7f,12; see 13:4,5)

2. *with love: humble, serving use to the blessing of others* (8:1b,3; 9:1f,15f,19f; 10:24f,31,33,(29,30); see Mk.10:45; Gal.5:13f)

B. GIFTS IN CHRIST (c.12-14)

1. *without love: arrogant, selfish use to other's harm & our uselessness* (13:1-3; 14:4,17 /3:12b,15)

2. *with love: humble, serving use to other's blessing & our good* (13:1-3; see 12:7,25; 14:12,19,26 /3:12-14)

C. SERVANTS IN CHRIST (c.1-4; i.e., Paul, Apollos, Cephas)

1. *without love: arrogant, selfish use to the harm of others* (1:10; 3:3f; 4:6,7; 18f; see 1Tm.6:4f)

2. *with love: humble, serving use to the blessing of others* (3:5f,18f; 4:1f,10f; see 2:1f; 1:17f /3:6f w/12:4f)

D. BRETHREN IN CHRIST (c.5-7)

1. *without love: arrogant, selfish use to the harm of others* (5:1,2; see 6:8-11; see I,A)

2. *with love: humble, serving use to the blessing of others* (7:3-5; see 6:7(13:7); 4:12; Mt5:39,40; Eph4:2; Col.3:13)

E. SACRAMENTS IN CHRIST (c.11)

1. *without love: arrogant, selfish use to the harm of others* (11:18-22,27-32; see I,A)

2. *with love: humble, serving use to the blessing of others* (11:33,34; see Mt.5:23f)

CONCLUSION: ALL YOU NEED IS LOVE! (10:31&24,33(Mt.22:37,39); see Mt.6:33; Gal.5:22f; see Ps.119:160(Jn.17:17); Mt.4:4; Heb.1:2,3; see Eph.1:4,15; 24; 3:17,19 & 4:2,15,16; 5:2,25,28,33; 6:23,24)

A. BE LOVED BY GOD! (8:1-3; 2Cor.13:11,14; see 1Jn.4:8,19; Eph.1:4f(Jn.17:24; Dt.4:37; 7:7); Lk.11:13,1f)

B. PLANT YOURSELF BESIDE THE STREAMS OF LOVE! (Ps.1:3; Acts 2:42; see 2Cor.8:7)

C. LOVE GOD! (2:9; 8:3; 10:31; 16:14,22; see Mt.22:37; see 2Cor.8:7)

D. LOVE ONE ANOTHER! (see I above; 4:21; 8:1f; 10:24,33; 13:1f; 14:1; 16:14,24; 2Cor.2:4,8; 5:14; 6:6; 8:7,8,24; 9:7; 11:11; 12:15; see *reports* (c.1-6); *questions* (c.7-14); see Jn.13:34f; 15:12,17; Rom.12:10; 13:8; Gal.5:13; Eph.4:2; 1Th.3:12; 4:9; 5:13; 2Th.1:3; Heb.10:24; 1Pt.1:22; 4:8; 5:14; 1Jn.3:11, 23; 4:7f, 11f; 2Jn.1:5; see Mt.22:39)

E. FLEE IDOLATRY! & FLEE IMMORALITY! (10:14 & 6:18; see Mt.22:37,39 /1C.5:10,11; Col.3:5; Rom.1:23f)

Discussion question:

Brethren, what shall WE do? (see Acts 2:37f)