

THE NECESSITY OF LOVE WITH YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

A. The MEANING of “AGAPE LOVE”.

B. The MISCONCEPTIONS about “AGAPE LOVE”.

1. It is not a _____, but a _____. (Matthew 5:44)
2. It is _____, and never forced. (active voice)
3. It is not _____, but about a true love for others. (Gal. 5:13-16, 22-23)
4. It does not lead to _____, nor a justification for one's _____. (1 Cor.13:6)
5. It does not lead to _____ compromise for the sake of a good cause, and may actually lead to a doctrinal _____. (1 Cor.13:6; Gal.1:6-10; Jude 3; Rom.16:17; Galatians 5:11)
6. It is not about _____, but about _____ and benefiting _____. (Matthew 22:27-29; 1 Cor.13:4-5)
7. It is not inconsistent with an appropriate _____ (2 Tim.4:2; Titus 1:13; Mark 16:14), _____ (1 Thess.5:14), _____ (1 Cor.5; Titus 3:10), etc.
8. It is not a _____ issue in spirituality, but is of great _____. (1 Cor.13:1-3)

C. The MAXIMAL NECESSITY of “AGAPE LOVE”

1. Without _____ in the message, the exercise of our spiritual gifts becomes a _____ instead of a truly _____. In some respects, it becomes no different than pagan religious practices. (13:1)

- Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,
but

- (though I) have not love,

I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

- Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 1:12-18

2. Without _____ as the mindset, we have missed the mark of true virtue in the use of our spiritual gifts and biblical knowledge. While we may think we are really ‘something’ we actually are _____. (13:2)

And

- though I have the gift of prophecy,
and
- (though I) understand all mysteries and all knowledge,
and
- though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains,
but
- (though I) have not love,

I am nothing.

- Is scriptural doctrine important? (2 Timothy 3:16; Titus 2:1)
- But what must we remember about sound doctrine? (1 Corinthians 8:1; 1 Timothy 1:5)

3. Without _____ motivating our ministry and sacrifices, they _____ us _____ . This will especially become evident at the _____.(13:3)

And

- though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor,
and
- though I give my body to be burned,
but
- (though I) have not love,

it profits me nothing.

- 1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 4:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 16:14