

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scripture(s) for Today: 1 Thess 4:9-10 – The Christian Walk: Part 2 – *Walk in brother love*

Today's Message:

"Others"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned how the Christian life is compared to a walk which begins with a step of faith. God focused on His high calling and the will of God for our lives which is sanctification – to be set apart for God's glory – including abstaining from fornication and knowing how to possess our vessel. Today, God will fix our attention on walking in **LOVE**. Pure love is God's will for our lives. Satan will do anything to corrupt our understanding and life in this matter. Jesus Christ said the **GREATEST** commandment is to love God with all thy heart, mind, soul, and strength. The 2nd is to love thy neighbour as **THYSELF**. Jesus Christ said the distinguishing characteristic of believers is their *love for one another*. In a world of **FAKE** love, God's church sure ought to stand out as lights in a dark world. Take good notes today...

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

#1. Walk in Holiness – Paul beseeches them to *abstain from fornication*. (1-8)

#2. Walk in Love – Paul beseeches them to **INCREASE** in *brother love*. (9-10)

COMMENDATION

"Brotherly Love"
(Greek: philadelphia)
Love of brothers or
sisters in a family.

- ✓ When they got saved, the **FAMILY** of God became their spiritual family! **Mk 10:29-31**
- ✓ They understood their calling included **BROTHERLY** love. **As touching brother love...**
- ✓ They were **TAUGHT** this by God. **Yourselves are taught of God to love one another...**
- ✓ They were **DOERS** of the word of God. **And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren...**

EXHORTATION

- ✓ The challenge from God was to continually **INCREASE**. **Increase more and more...**

Why do you
think that is?

- Jesus said that **when sin abounds**, the love of people waxes **COLD**. **Mt 24:12**
- In **perilous times**, men become lovers of their own **SELVES**. **2Tim 3:2**
- In **our flesh dwelleth** no **GOOD** thing! **Rom 7:18, 24; 6:6; 8:13; Col 3:5**
- God **must command** saved husbands to love their **WIVES**. **Eph 5:25; Col 3:19**
- God **must command** saved wives to love husbands and **CHILDREN**. **Titus 2:4**
- Our Church Period is **Laodicea** = means **RIGHTS** of the people. **Rev 3:14-22**

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BROTHERLY LOVE

- ✓ Jesus Christ **COMMANDED** us to *love one another*. *Jn 13:34; 15:12, 17*
- ✓ Jesus Christ gave us His **EXAMPLE**... *AS I have love you*. *Jn 13:34; 15:12*
 - He loved you when you were a *sinner* and His **ENEMY**. *Rom 5:8, 10*
 - He was **WILLING** to become sin for you. *Heb 12:2-3*
 - He took your **PUNISHMENT** for you. *Isa 53:3-12*
 - He endured the agonies of **HELL** on your behalf. *Isa 53:10; Mt 27:46*
 - He tasted **DEATH** for you. *Heb 2:9; Jn 15:13*

NOTE Jesus Christ was defamed, defrauded, abused, despised, and murdered FOR you. He was misjudged, misquoted, misused, mistreated, mishandled, and misunderstood. You grieve Him, forget Him, fail Him, forsake Him, and lie to Him: yet He forgives you. And He says to you today, "*as I have love you, that ye love one another*." Make sense?

- ✓ Jesus Christ said by this all men will **KNOW** you are a true disciple of His. *Jn 13:35*
 - It was contrary to the way of the **WORLD**. *Jer 23:10; Jn 8:23; Eph 2:2; Php 2:15*
 - It was the everyday **LIFE** of the early church. *Acts 2:41-47*
 - Paul described it as being **KINDLY** *affectioned one to another*. *Rom 12:10*
 - It is the first fruit of the **HOLY SPIRIT**. *Gal 5:22*
 - It brings **UNITY** to the body of Christ. *Eph 4:3; 5:2*
 - It is *likeminded* with the **HUMBLE** mind of Jesus Christ. *Php 2:1-8*
 - It is *esteeming* **OTHERS** *better than themselves*. *Php 2:1-3; Rom 12:10*
 - Peter called it *unfeigned love of the brethren*... pure **HEART** *fervently*. *1Pet 1:22*
 - Peter later advised to *add to godliness brotherly* **KINDNESS**. *2Pet 1:7*
- ✓ John the **BELOVED** disciple spoke of this at length. *1Jo 2:10; 3:11-23; 4:7-21; 5:1-2*
 - This was *the message from the beginning*. *1Jo 3:11*
 - The commandment was to *believe on Christ* and *love one another*. *1Jo 3:23*
 - *Brotherly love* was the **CHARACTER** of the Philadelphia Church Period. *Rev 3:7-13*

NOTE If you do not love your brothers and sisters in Christ, you are in sin. And, if you do not love your brothers and sisters in Christ, how can you even be saved??

B. The Application (How will you apply this truth to your life?)

1. The Christian **walk in love** is **LEARNED** from God directly – by following Christ.

QUESTION Do you follow Christ? He is Love personified; He said learn of me! *Mt 11:29*

2. The Christian **walk in love** is **PURE** love – first to God in Christ, then His family.

QUESTION Are you known for your love for God and others? What must change today?

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