

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. *(Hint ~ What are the only two types of people? What is a major theme in I John? What does hatred for others prove?)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. The _____ of love

2. The _____ of love

3. The _____ of love

**Introduction
Scripture
References**

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: The of love

Why love _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on the call to love.)

a. A calling foundational to the _____

b. A calling foundational to the _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~What*

must struggling believers cling to in the midst of hardship?)

*“Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having **loved** His own who were in the world, He **loved** them to the end.”*
John 13:1

Point 1 Scripture

References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: The of love

What love _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on what you learn through three negative contrasts.)

a. Contrasted by _____

b. Contrasted by _____

c. Contrasted by _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What type of person hates? What type of person loves? What does it mean to be like Christ, rather than like Cain?)*

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

C. Point 3: The of love

What love _____ and how love _____

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 3?

(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make notes on what Christ-centered love should do.)

a. The clarity of _____'s love

b. The clarity of the _____'s love

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ How might we serve one another in light of what Christ has done?)*

Point 3 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

*“We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the **love** of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater...”*

2 Thessalonians 1:3

III. Conclusion

In what ways should believers in Christ be growing? What should believers display?



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

1. God's love as seen in the Old Testament:
Gen 22:2; 39:21; Ex 34:6-7; Deut 7:7-9; 1 Chron 17:13; Neh 9:17; Ps 63:3; 100:5; 136:1-26; 145:8; Isa 54:7-10; Jerm 9:24; 31:3; Lam 3:22; Dan 9:4; Hos 2:19; Jonah 4:2; Mich 7:18
2. God's love as seen in the New Testament:
Mt 5:44-45; Mk 10:21; Lk 6:35-36; Jn 3:16; 15:13; Rom 5:5, 8; 8:31-39; Eph 1:4-5; 2:4; 3:16-19; 5:1-2; 5:25; Phil 2:1-11; 2 Thess 3:5; 1 Jn 3:1, 16; 4:7-12; I Jn 4:19; Jude 21; Rev 3:19
3. Commands for believers to love and brotherly love:
1 Pet 2:17; 3:8; 4:8; Js 2:8; 1 Thess 3:12; 4:9; Eph 4:2, 16; 5:2; Gal 5:6, 13; 1 Cor 16:14; Rom 12:10; 13:8, 10; Heb 10:24; 13:1
4. Some of the "one another" commands:
Rom 12:16 (live in harmony); Eph 4:32 (be kind); Col 3:12 (forgive); Col 3:13 (bear with); 2 Cor 13:11 (comfort); 1 Cor 12:25 (care for); Js 5:16 (pray for); 1 Thess 5:11 (build up); Heb 10:24 (stir up); 1 Pet 4:10 (serve); Js 4:11 (do not speak against); 1 Thess 5:15 (do good to)
5. The world hates and will always hate:
Mt 5:11-12; 10:22; 24:9-10; Mk 13:13; Lk 21:17; 19:14; Jn 3:19-20; 7:7; 15:18-25; 17:24; 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:1-9; Jude 17-19; 1 Pet 3:13-17; 4:12-19; 2 Pet 3:3; 1 Jn 2:9-11; 18-19; 3:13; 4:20; Rev 2:9-11

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: