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Sunday, March 23, 2025: Love is a Benchmark for Knowing Your Family Status: 1 John 3:10-18

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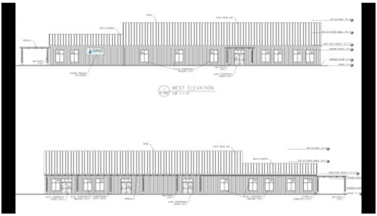

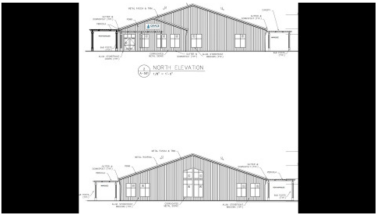

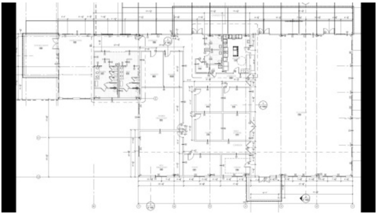

Be in prayer for God’s financial provision

Hebrews 10:19–25 ESV

> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let...

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♫ **He Is Our God**

Amos 5:14–15 ESV

> Seek good, and not evil,
> that you may live;
> and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
> as you have said.
> Hate evil, and love good,
> and establish justice in the gate;
> it may be that the...

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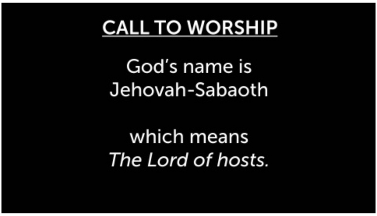
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God's name is
Jehovah-Sabaoth

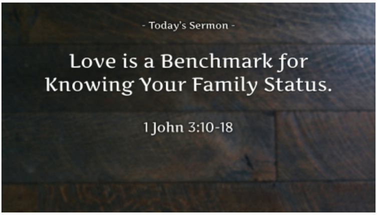
which means
The Lord of hosts.

♫ **Psalm 46 (Lord Of Hosts)**

♫ **Whom Shall I Fear God Of Angel Armies**

♫ **All I Have Is Christ**

WALK IN
THE LIGHT
1 JOHN


- Today's Sermon -

Love is a Benchmark for
Knowing Your Family Status.

1 John 3:10-18

1 John 3:10–18 ESV

By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

For this is the message that you have heard from...

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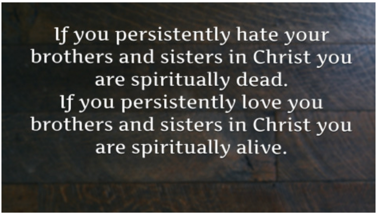
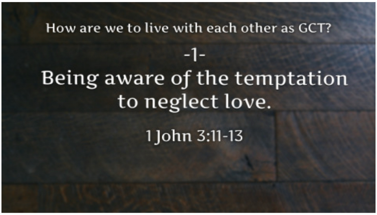


If you persistently hate your brothers and sisters in Christ you are spiritually dead.
If you persistently love you brothers and sisters in Christ you are spiritually alive.



How are we to live with each other as GCT?

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Being aware of the temptation to neglect love.

1 John 3:11-13

1 John 3:11–13 ESV

For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his...

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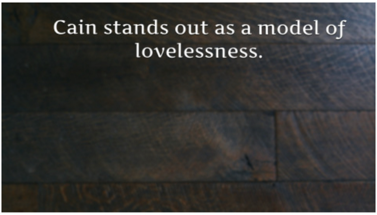
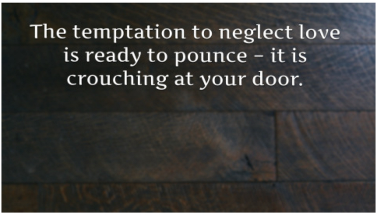
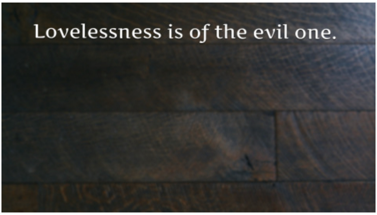
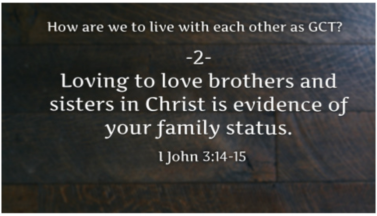

Cain stands out as a model of lovelessness.


The temptation to neglect love is ready to pounce – it is crouching at your door.


Lovelessness is of the evil one.


How are we to live with each other as GCT?

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Loving to love brothers and sisters in Christ is evidence of your family status.

1 John 3:14-15

1 John 3:14–15 ESV

> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

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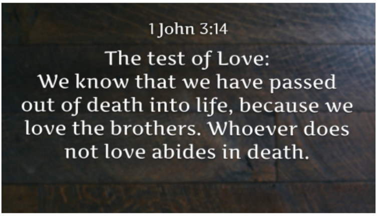

1 John 3:14

The test of Love:
We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

1 John 3:14 ESV

> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.

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Matthew 5:21–22 ESV

> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be...

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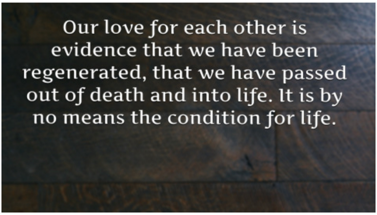
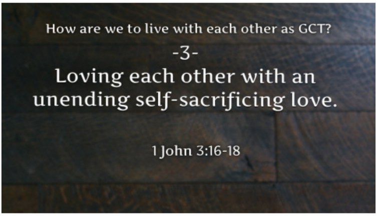


Our love for each other is evidence that we have been regenerated, that we have passed out of death and into life. It is by no means the condition for life.



How are we to live with each other as GCT?

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Loving each other with an unending self-sacrificing love.

1 John 3:16-18

1 John 3:16–18 ESV

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Little...

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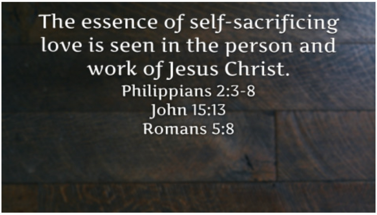

The essence of self-sacrificing love is seen in the person and work of Jesus Christ.
Philippians 2:3-8
John 15:13
Romans 5:8

Philippians 2:3–8 ESV

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in...

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John 15:13 ESV

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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Romans 5:8 ESV

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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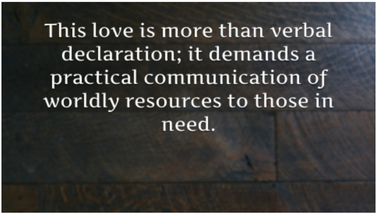
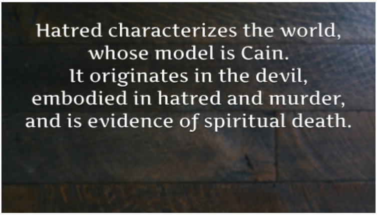
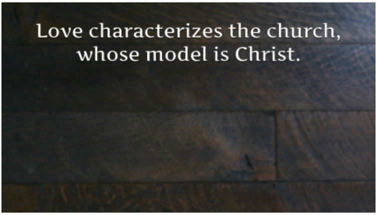


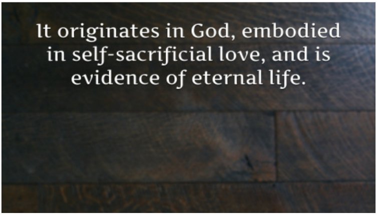
This love is more than verbal declaration; it demands a practical communication of worldly resources to those in need.



Hatred characterizes the world, whose model is Cain.
It originates in the devil, embodied in hatred and murder, and is evidence of spiritual death.



Love characterizes the church, whose model is Christ.



It originates in God, embodied in self-sacrificial love, and is evidence of eternal life.

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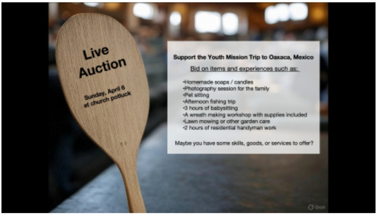
THE LIGHT

1 JOHN

♫ **I Stand Amazed (My Saviour's Love)**



Live
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Sunday, April 6
at church potluck

Support the Youth Mission Trip to Oaxaca, Mexico

Bid on items and experiences such as:

- Homemade soaps / candles
- Photography session for the family
- Pet sitting
- Afternoon fishing trip
- 3 hours of babysitting
- A wreath making workshop with supplies included
- Lawn mowing or other garden care
- 2 hours of residential handyman work

Maybe you have some skills, goods, or services to offer?

Hebrews 10:24–25 ESV

> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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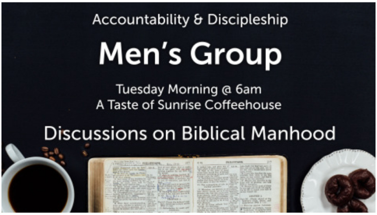
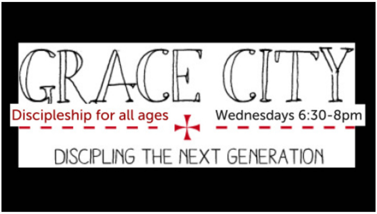


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



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Discipleship for all ages

Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

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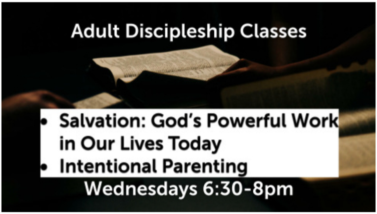

Adult Discipleship Classes

- Salvation: God's Powerful Work in Our Lives Today
- Intentional Parenting

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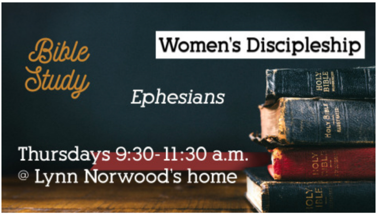

Bible Study
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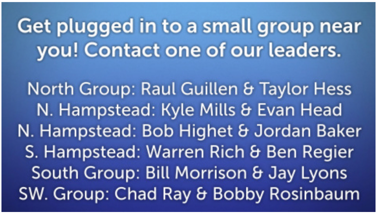
Women's Discipleship

Ephesians

Thursdays 9:30-11:30 a.m.
@ Lynn Norwood's home



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