

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 11/11/07

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Matthew 22:34-46*

TITLE: “GODLY VIRTUES/LOVE”

INTRO:

1. What is a virtue? A _____ action in practice.
2. Is love a moral action or a feeling?
3. _____ is one of God’s primary attributes. The Bible declares that “God is love...”
4. Love is a dominant and indispensable virtue in Judeo-Christian worship. Jesus said that all of the law and prophets _____ on the commands to love God and others.

PROPOSITION: Let’s learn more about biblical love and then apply what we learned to our lives.

I. DEFINITION AND ATTRIBUTES OF LOVE.

- A. Old And New Testament Use Of The Word.
 1. Old Testament-to _____ in something/to seek its well-being.
 2. New Testament-admiration, esteem/regard for welfare.
- B. Characteristics Of Love, *I Corinthians 13:4-8.*
 1. _____-durability/permanence...
 2. _____-holding man to God, family and church.
 3. _____-based on God’s example.
 4. Selfless and _____.
 5. Compassionate and sympathetic.
 6. Love never ends/see *I Corinthians 13:13.*

II. THE LOVE OF GOD, II Corinthians 13:11-14.

- A. Love Is An Attribute Of God’s Nature, *I John 4:7, 8.*
- B. Love Is An Expression Of God’s Nature, *Genesis 1:26-31.*

C. Love Is An Extension Of God's Nature.

1. *Jeremiah 31:3-6*
2. *John 3:16-19.*

III. THE LOVE OF CHRIST.

A. The Donation Of Love, *John 1:1-14.*

1. The _____ of Christ.
2. The _____ of Christ.

B. The Degrees Of Love, *Matthew 5:43-48.*

1. Man's capacity to love.
2. God's _____ to love.
3. Man's potential to love.

C. The Demands Of Love.

1. Love in _____ through the Holy Spirit,
II Corinthians 5:16-21.
2. Love all people, *Romans 1:14-17.*
3. Love as an evidence of _____, *I John 4:7-13.*

IV. THE LOVE OF MANKIND.

A. Love God, *Jude 17-23.*

B. Love Your _____, *Psalms 128.*

C. Love The Church.

1. *I Peter 1:22, 23.*
2. *I John 4:14-21.*

D. Love Neighbors, _____, and Enemies,
Matthew 5:43-45; Proverbs 19:17 & 28:27.

E. Watch Out For Spurious Love!

1. Physical-*Proverbs 6:20-25.*
2. Economical-*I Timothy 6:6-10.*

CONCLUSION:

1. What does *John 3:16* mean to you?
2. Is your life characterized by biblical love?
3. My prayer for you-*I Thessalonians 3:11-13.*