

United in Love
1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8-13, Pew Bible p. 959
May 22, 2022

I. The Need for Love (V. 1-3)

- A. Using gifts without love leads to spiritual malpractice.
- B. Courage without love leads to spiritual bullying.

II. The Eternality of Love (V. 8-13)

- A. Christian love is a matter of spiritual maturity.
- B. Gifts are temporary.
- C. Love is forever.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.
2. What is the difference between being gifted and being loving, as verses 1-3 say? How is it possible for a Christian to have great spiritual gifts and not have great love?
3. How is it possible for a Christian to be willing to die for what he/she believes and not love people, as verse 3 implies?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13.
5. What are some characteristics of childhood that are good but do not continue into adulthood? What are some good gifts that God gives Christians that do not continue in heaven? Why does that matter?
6. What are some ways or situations in which God wants you to be more loving?
7. Pray for our church, that our church members would continue to grow in their love for one another. Consider attending the Zoom Prayer Meeting every Sunday at 7 pm (tonight cancelled because of the Turkey Mission Report). Register at the church website at www.apollobaptist.org to receive the meeting link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Read James 1-5 – Underline/Mark all verses discussing the rich and the poor

May Memory Verses: 2 Timothy 4:1-5



John 13:34-35 (ESV)

³⁴ “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Register with your name and email address. This registration will last through 8/7/2022. Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- CANCELLED due to conflict with the Turkey Missionary Report in the Fellowship Center.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain, Steve & Joy V. in Turkey, Comfort J. in Nigeria, Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona, Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia, Sylvia M. at ASU West, Arizona, Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand, and Jules S. in Thailand
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Matthew M. (uncle), Family of Genny M., Beverly T. (husband, Al), LeRoy H. (wife, Kay), and David T. & family (wife)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues), Mary R. (dialysis needed until kidney transplant), Debbie B. (health issues), Leon V. (chemo), Ann C.-W. (health issues), Marie B's husband (gaining strength), Debbie P. (healing/improved health), Twila D. (stroke), Wayne D. (declining health), Rebekah R.'s father, Keith B. (recovery from open-heart surgery), Ken & Darlene R. (health issues), Marge D. (bruised ribs after fall), Margaret J. (recovery from cancer surgery), and Paul W. (degenerative discs in neck)
- Others that you are aware of