

Sermon Outline

Love Never Fails

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1 Corinthians 13:1-10

Sermon Summary

Love is a word that has been redefined and manipulated in our culture. Today, it describes a cheap emotion instead of a sacrificial choice. The Lord has called Christians to “Love God” and “Love Others” in a manner that makes an eternal impact. This sermon will help you understand what it means to love in a manner worthy of the Lord in order to make an eternal impact upon the areas of your (1) Faith, (2) Family, and (3) Community.

- We will identify the different definition of Love as discovered in our culture as well as the Word of God.
- We will teach you the importance of living out a Life of Love versus one of hate.

Main Passage

1 Corinthians 13:1-10 (ESV) – If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

Big Idea – Discover the Missing Ingredient of Enduring Faithfulness Today

Three Realities About God’s Gift of Love

Reality #1 – Love is an Essential Ingredient for Spiritual Growth

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Key Point – The first key point that we examine emphasizes that love as defined by God is essential to the spiritual growth of every Christian. The point is simple: “You cannot grow as a Christian unless you have a life centered upon ‘Loving the Lord & Loving Others.’”

Reality #2 – Love is a Fundamental Ingredient for Determined Faithfulness and Endurance

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (ESV) – ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Key Point – The second key point that we examine emphasizes that love as defined by God is essential to endurance and determined faithfulness in life. The point is simple: “Love Endures all things which equips you with every tool needed to endure all trials that come your way.”

Reality #3 – Love is an Indispensable Ingredient to Make an Eternal Impact

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (ESV) – ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

Key Point – The final key point that we examine emphasizes that love as defined by God is an indispensable ingredient to make an eternal impact upon the world around you. The point is simple: “You cannot make the right kind of eternal impact without exhibiting the right kind of love in this life.”

Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 13:13 (ESV) – ¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Challenge

Remind yourself that your responsibility, before the Lord, is to apply the truths you have discovered in the Word of God. As you reflect on this message, help others discover more about Jesus this week by...

- Inviting others to a Sunday Morning Service
- Asking others how you could pray for them