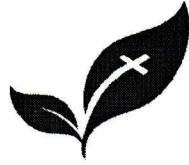


1 John 3:17-21
"How Love is Expressed"

Sun Night
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Notes: Introduction

- a. Love of God through Christian
 - love evidence of Christian faith
 - people will know Christian by their love

b. Bible meaning of love

c. Three characteristics of love

2. Christian Love is Generous (vs. 17)

a. Share God's generosity

b. See the need of people

- brother Christian has needs
- if Christian has earthly goods

c. Christian must respond

- share your earthly goods
- ministry can be messy

+ wrong response: shut up your heart

- Rom 12:15 Rejoice or weep with neighbor
- John 11:33-35 Jesus wept at

Lazarus' death & with Mary & Martha's grief

- Heb 4:15 our high priest touched

+ compassion: person's hurt in my heart

3. Christian Love is Active (vs. 18)

a. loving in action - 1 Cor 13:4-7 Actions

- 1 Cor 13:1-3 Mere words

b. Love involves more than words

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- mere words can be shallow

- actions of love show the words
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c. Involves Christian action

- James 2:15 warmed & filled only with words
- Christian faith shown by good works ↳ Jms 2:18

d. Involves God's truth

- Eph 4:15 speaking truth in love
- Jude 1:3 earnestly contend for faith
- Rom 12:9 brotherly love
- continue in loving truth in action (vs. 19) - 21

4. Christian love is Assuring (vs. 19) - 21

a. Our actions assure Christian(s) - ourself (vs 19)

- "we know"
- we belong to the truth
- "assure my heart" - self assurance
- x 1 Jn 3:14 we know passed from death to life

b. ~~Christian~~ God assures Christian (vs 20)

- Christian can feel condemned
- But God is greater
- x than human heart
- x God knows all things
- x man's heart limited
- x Rom 8: who condemns?

c. Christian can confidence to God (vs 20)

- result of my heart not condemning myself

- Rom 8: ~~no~~ no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Rom 8:1)

- x verse 34 Who condemns? But Jesus makes intercession at God's right hand
- x verse 35 who separates? anything separate from God's love
- x verse 37 more than conquerors through Christ
- x verse 39 Nothing can separate Christian from God's love