

Series: Things That Accompany Salvation

Message 12: Sixteen Signs of a True Believer (Part VIII)

(2 Cor. 5:14; 13:5; 1 Jn. 4:16-21)

Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;

2 Corinthians 5:14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: 15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

I. The Principle of Love (4:16)

A. Love Experienced

1. He has come to know the love of God.

John 20:30-31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

2. He has come to believe the love of God

Romans 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

B. Love Explained (16B)

II. The Perfection of Love (17-18)

A. Love's Completeness (17A)

B. Love's Confidence (17B&C)

1. Our Preparation (17)

a. What We Have (17B)

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

b. Why We Have It (17C)

2. Our Peace (18)

Psalm 118:6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

Hebrews 13:6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Romans 8:33-39 PLEASE TURN TO THIS IMPORTANT PASSAGE.

III. The Pattern of Love (19)

A. The Declaration of Our Love

B. The Duty of Our Love

Romans 5:6-10 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

IV. The Proof of Love (20-21)

A. The Talk About Love (20A)

1 John 3:18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.

James 2:14-18 What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

B. The Test of Love (20B)

C. The Truth About Love (21)

1. The Danger

2. The Demands

CONCLUSION: