

Sermon Notes

Above All

The Preeminence of Christ in the Book of Colossians

"I Surrender All: The Christian's Faith and Life, Part 2"

Colossians 3: 19-21

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit enables new life and real change not only in our personal lives but also in our relationships with others.

The place where sanctification is sharpened and the 'nitty gritty' of salvation is worked out is most often the _____.

Those whom we live with day in and day out provide daily, sometimes moment to moment opportunity for us to live out the reality of the _____ we are in Christ.

_____ is the word that the Bible uses when it talks about God's love for you.

The word love in the original language is written in the present active tense – which means to say that it is a continuing, lasting, ongoing _____ for their wives that husbands are called to.

Husbands, the command to love your wives is not primarily based on how you might feel on any certain day or moment, rather it is _____ in Jesus's own love toward you.

The way a husband loves his wife is in part a _____ and display of Christ's own love for His bride, either negatively or positively (Ephesians 5: 25-33).

Just as our wives grow to trust Jesus because of His love for them, so too they grow to _____ a Godly husband because of their Christlike love for them.

When the relationship in our homes – as husbands and wives is right – that positively affects our relationship with our _____ and their relationship with us.

God desires that children _____ (or listen) to the instructions of their parents.

Jesus living in _____ heart helps me to obey – especially when I don't want to – not only because I love my mom and dad – but because I love God and I want to do what pleases Him.

A child's obedience is an overflow and outworking of the love of _____ already present in their heart.

In God's _____ it is the man – the husband and the father – that bears the weight and good responsibility of leadership and headship.

The Christian parent, specifically the Christian father, must understand that there is a way in which we can parent that provokes our children and _____ them.

God wants the Christian home to be a place of _____ obedience not overbearing punishment.

Christian fathers should lead their homes by rooting their parenting in what they want their kids to know about the _____.

Fathers lead by living _____ before our kids.

Fathers lead by showing _____ when we discipline rather than anger.

Just as the gospel means that God is always with us, fathers lead when we model this by being careful to be _____ at home.

Fathers lead by striving to teach our children _____ instead of goodness.

As a parent - as a father – what I make _____ will ultimately reflect the thing that I most desire for my children.

The point is for you and I to see the calling that God has laid on us and to understand that the power of the Holy Spirit in us _____ us to love, serve, obey, parent, and lead in the ways God has called us to.

Blanks: home; new person; Agape; love; rooted; reflection; trust; children; obey; my; God; wisdom; discourages; joyful; gospel; consistently; patience; present; holiness; important; enables

Congregational Reading – 1 Corinthians 13: 1- 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And 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. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

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

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now, we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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