

"Let Brotherly Love Continue"

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the importance of letting brotherly love continue.
2. Heb. 13:1 "Let brotherly love continue."
 - a. Brotherly love - love as brethren - that implies that it now existed among them.
 - b. Let it Continue - keep on doing the same
3. The greatest thing in the world is love!! I Cor 13:13
4. Love - the supreme act of the soul. The masterpiece of man.
5. The Bible teaches more on love than on any other subject.
6. Love is the law above all laws!
 - a. Matt. 22:40 "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
 - b. Rom. 13:10 "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."
 - c. Gal. 5:14 "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
7. Heb. 13:1. "Let brotherly love continue."
 - a. To be a thing we have already practiced.
 - b. We are to continue to practice it.
8. What is brotherly love?

Discussion

I. BADGE OF DISCIPLESHIP

- A. John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35. By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."
- B. By loving one another, others will know that ye are my disciple
1. He was not in any way taking anything away from the plan of salvation. We must all HBRCB in order to be saved.
 2. He was not saying anything against living a pure clean life.
 3. But he was saying that the world will judge the quality of our Christianity by the amount of love that they can see displayed.
 4. We are taught over and over to love our fellow man and especially our fellow Christians.
 5. Rom. 12:10 "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;"
 6. 1Thes. 4:9 "But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another."
- C. This love that Christians have for one another is another way of showing to the world that we are really serious about being a Christian.

II. NEW COMMANDMENT

- A. John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35. By this shall all [men] know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."
- B. A new commandment
1. Jesus gave this to us
 2. He did not tell us just to love but to
 3. Love one another as he loved us.
 4. This was the newness of the commandment - This was a new degree of love which they were commanded to keep

III. DEBT WE OWE ONE ANOTHER

- A. Rom. 13:8 "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."
- B. The thing we owe our fellow man is LOVE
- C. What does that mean? Look at the following verses:
1. Rom. 13:9-10 "For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."
 2. A man who loves will not:
 - a. Kill - Commit adultery
 - b. Steal - Hate - Lie

3. The problems of sins against each other are solved when we love one another.
 4. When we have love to one another then the temptation to commit these sins against each other is gone.
 5. V. 10 says "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour:..."
 - a. Ill = Harm, wrong
 - b. We will help not hurt - love is the cure.
- D. We owe this to every fellow man.

IV. FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- A. Gal. 5:22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23. Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."
1. Joy is love exulting
 2. Peace is love in repose
 3. Longsuffering is love on trial
 4. Gentleness is love in society
 5. Goodness is love in action
 6. Faith is love on the battle-field
 7. Meekness is love at school
 8. Temperance is love in training.
- B. Fruit of spirit - LOVE
1. Contrast this with the works of the flesh
 2. Gal. 5:19-21 Hatred - variance, emulations, wrath, strife, sedition

V. BE FERVENT IN YOUR LOVE

- A. 1 Pet. 4:8 "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." Fervent = genuine, sincere
1. (ASV) "above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins:"
 2. (RSV) "Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins."
 3. (NIV) "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."
- B. Everyone is not easy to love
1. We have our faults and weaknesses
 2. But we are to be fervent [unfailing] in our love one toward another. Let brotherly love continue - Heb. 13:1
 3. Love covers a multitude of sins.
- C. Gal. 6:1. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
2. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."
1. The word love does not appear in this passage
 2. But the idea of love is expressed.
 3. We want the highest good - want the best
 4. If we have brotherly love then we must make those needed corrections.

5. Jas. 5:19-20 "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20. Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

D. Being fervent in love means that:

1. We love each other even when it is difficult
2. We love each other in times of burdens and trials
3. We try to restore a fallen brother

VI. WHAT IS LOVE?

A. More than just an emotional attachment. - or ties

B. "Love is a genuine concern for the good of another."

1. Love is a deep genuine concern for another person's good.
2. A husband and wife are concerned for each other's good and it is accompanied by an emotional attachment.
3. In the case of parents and children there is an emotional attachment as the parents desire the good for their children.
4. Sometimes we help by giving money or aid to people we do not know. That is love even though there is not emotional attachment.

C. Love is more than just promises - it is action.

1. Love in deed 1 Jn. 3:18 "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."
2. Ill. Filling the Wood box.
3. Love can only be known by its actions.

CONCLUSION

1. Heb. 13:1 "Let brotherly love continue."
2. We should be genuine and enthusiastic about our love for one another.
3. Phil. 2:3 "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves."
4. As a Christian we must love all men, including fellow Christians. We cannot go to heaven unless we love God's family.
 - a. 1 Jn. 3:11 "For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another."
 - b. 1 Jn. 4:7-8 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love."
 - c. 1 Jn. 4:20-21 "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21. And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also."
5. Love is the greatest thing in the world. It always works toward all that is good.