

## THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE - 1COR13:13

In Hebrews12, Paul has been encouraging us to persevere in the faith, to continue in the grace of God, to run with patience the race that is set before us. Then, he tells us how, *“Let brotherly love continue.”* Multitudes live in religious bondage, trying to obey rules and regulations imposed upon them by their leaders. These rules of bondage people everywhere call *“practical godliness.”* Our Lord calls them *“vain traditions,”* *“works of the flesh,”* *“a vain show in the flesh,”* and *“a form of godliness.”* But in Hebrews13, the Holy Spirit shows us that godliness is to be measured by love.

He begins the application of his doctrine with these words, *“Let brotherly love continue.”* He is saying, *“Children of God, never cease loving one another. Let nothing divide your hearts. Make it your life’s business to love one another and to show your love to one another. Let brotherly love continue in you and among you.”* We are to love all men, even our enemies; but the love Paul is talking about here is that special family love that God plants in the hearts of his people for one another. It is the love of hearts united to Christ. – *“The fruit of the Spirit is love.”* Gal5:22.

True love is manifest by deeds, by which the love of Christ in us is shown. If we love one another, we pray for one another, bear one another's burdens, we are forbearing, patient, longsuffering, and forgiving with one another. That’s how Christ loves us, isn’t it? If we do not love one another, any profession of faith we have is but a meaningless, vain delusion (1 Pet. 2:17; 1 John 3:14-18; 1 Cor. 13:1-7).  
*Adapted from Don Fortner*

## LOOKING UNTO JESUS

Christ is the angel of the covenant, and you can find your part in that covenant by looking to Him.

Many want to know their election before they look to Christ. It cannot be! Look to Christ as a guilty sinner. Cast yourself on Him for mercy and grace, and you will know your election; for all who are chosen are chosen IN HIM. Apart from a saving interest in the Beloved, there is no hope! *H T Mahan*

## PUT ON THE NEW MAN

*And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Eph4:24*

When Paul says put on the new man, he does not mean for us to make ourselves righteous or born again by what we do or don’t do. The new birth is the work of God the Holy Spirit alone. Paul means for the believer to live conducting ourselves as someone who has been born again from above. Believers are to conduct themselves like someone who has grace and forgiveness in their hearts. Be loving and faithful husbands and wives. Be wise and loving parents. Be obedient children. Be the best worker on the job. Be a neighbour who is easy to get along with. Be honest in all of your business dealings. Be kind and pleasant to cashiers and waiters and people you meet on the street.

We may have sound doctrine in our preaching services, but if our actions do not, *“adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things”* (Titus 2:10), no one will care what we have to say.

*Donnie Bell*

## LOOK TO CHRIST

*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isa 45:22.*

I constantly tell sinners to look to Christ. Don’t look to your works. Look to Christ to be everything God requires of you. Don’t look at your sins. Look to Christ and His redeeming blood. Don’t look to your failure. Look to Christ the successful Saviour. Don’t look at your weakness. Look to Christ and His strength.  
*Frank Tate*

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**11:00 am (GMT) Service**

*Hebrews 13:1-14*

*“Let Brotherly Love Continue”*

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**Acts 13:38,39**

## Reading 1 Corinthians 13

667 to 35 CH

*W Gadsby*

1 Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;  
My God, my Portion, and my Living Bread;  
In him I live, upon him cast my care;  
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

2 He is my Refuge in each deep distress;  
The Lord my strength and glorious  
righteousness;  
Through floods and flames he leads me safely  
on,  
And daily makes his sovereign goodness  
known.

3 My every need he richly will supply;  
Nor will his mercy ever let me die;  
In him there dwells a treasure all divine,  
And matchless grace has made that treasure  
mine.

4 O that my soul could love and praise him  
more,  
His beauties trace, his majesty adore;  
Live near his heart, upon his bosom lean;  
Obey his voice, and all his will esteem.

## Prayer

### Reading Hebrews 12:28-13:19

## Prayer

955 to 793

*C Wesley*

1 Watched by the world with jealous eye,  
That fain would see our sin and shame,  
As servants of the Lord most high,  
As zealous for his glorious name,  
May we in all his footsteps move  
With holy fear and humble love.

2 That wisdom, Lord, on us bestow,  
From every evil to depart;  
To stop the mouth of every foe  
By upright walk and lowly heart;  
The proofs of godly fear to give;  
And show the world how Christians live.

## Sermon

1050 to 66

*C Wesley*

1 When shall thy love constrain  
This heart thy own to be?  
When shall the wounded spirit gain  
A healing rest in thee?

2 Ah! what avails my strife,  
My wandering to and fro?  
Thou hast the words of endless life;  
Lord, whither shall I go?

3 My worthless heart to gain,  
The God who gave me breath  
Was found in fashion as a man,  
And died a cursèd death!

4 Then may I sin forsake,  
The world for thee resign;  
Gracious Redeemer, take, O take,  
And seal me ever thine!