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A Preacher's Perspective

Love. I tend to think more and more of love as the presence of the Holy Spirit. I suppose we might admit that there is love present in the souls of men who have not been regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Although, even though men may not be saved, the Holy Spirit still has power to do whatever work He wants to do in them, in us.

But I am inclined to think that all the love which is not base, selfish, and immoral, and certainly the love which reflects that divine profile of *agape* which we find in **1 Corinthians 13** (the love of God) is of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit flows among us and binds us together, we experience Him as love, love for God and love for one another. I think, especially, that any love which we feel for the lost, any compassion for the hurting, is the work of the Spirit.

I like the language Paul uses in the letter to the Colossians, as he says, "¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, ¹³ forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. **Colossians 3:12-14 (RSV)**

"Love which binds everything together in perfect harmony." Now that, surely, is something only the Holy Spirit could accomplish. Harmony among men is indeed a rare experience outside the boundaries of the circle of love.

One of the most interesting ideas I have heard was a statement by N. T. Wright in a lecture up in Mundelein. He said, "the highest epistemology is

love." Just in case you haven't been thinking much about epistemology lately, it simply means the philosophy of how we know things. Knowledge separated from love is, indeed, defective. I know there are many who would argue that truth, facts, understanding and insight are all independent of love. But I suspect they are wrong on many levels.

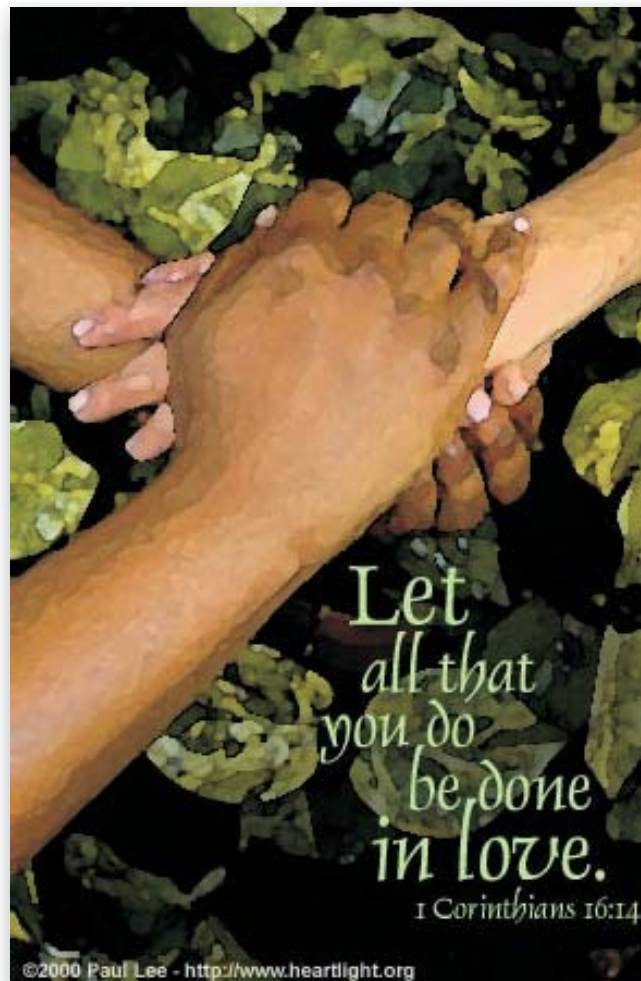
Jesus has an interesting teaching involving knowledge and love in **John 14**: "He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him." **John 14:21 (RSV)**

That last part is intriguing: "... I will love him and manifest myself to him." "Manifest" means to show, to reveal. So, love is the key to obedience and is the secret to

receiving love from the Father and the Son. It is able to bind everything together in perfect harmony.

Thank you, sweet Spirit.

Chuck Miller



Welcome to the West Chicago Church of Christ

If you are visiting with us, we especially want to welcome you. We pray our time together worshipping our Father in heaven will be uplifting and encouraging. You are an honored guest and we want to thank you for being a part of our worship this morning!

Bible classes are available for all ages. Babies can be taken to the nursery located at the back of the auditorium. Pre-school and elementary-age children meet in classrooms downstairs. Teens meet in the fellowship room downstairs. Adult classes meet in the auditorium and at the end of the foyer.

Our Small Group Fellowship program takes place during the fall, winter and spring months and is on the first and third Sundays of each month in lieu of the Sunday evening worship. If you are interested in joining a Small Group, please speak with one of our Deacons. The Small Group Fellowship schedule does change occasionally due to holidays.

We are planning a weekly web-cast of our Sunday morning auditorium class and worship services. Please follow these instructions:

<http://wcfamily.viewnetcam.com>
 Username: wcfamily
 Password: 6302312062
 Click "SINGLE" tab
 Allow any Active X controls

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of our Elders:

Don Brewster Bob Jett
 Chuck Miller Bob Voigts

Our Deacons are:

Justin Avey: Benevolence, Fellowship, Stewardship & Leadership
 Jay Hearn: Worship & Pulpit, Communications, Outreach, Education, Benevolence
 Cliff Plummer: Fellowship, Benevolence, Education
 Curt Robinson: Education, Stewardship & Leadership
 Rick Root: Communications, Education, Stewardship & Leadership

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (No evening worship on Small Group Fellowship Sundays)
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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This Morning ...

Please take a moment this morning to fill out an attendance card, especially if you are a guest. Prayer cards are also available in the pew rack. You may choose to have prayers by the elders, a prayer warrior or by the whole church family. If you choose "whole church family" it will be announced following the sermon.

Order of Worship

Welcome Tom Doggett
 Singing Rick Root
 #719 Love One Another
 Prayer Updates & Scripture Kyle Wheeler
 #410 He Leadeth Me
 #366 By Christ Redeemed
 Prayer Jon Miller
 #349 Ten Thousand Angels
 #31 Be Still and Know
 Lord's Supper Bob Jett
 Contribution and Prayer Card Collection
 Sermon Kenn Watson
 #948 I am Resolved
 Prayer Card Responses and Prayer Bob Voigts
 Announcements Kyle Wheeler
 #214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?
 Closing Prayer Cliff Plummer

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March 29 Dana Howard, Cliff Plummer
 March 29 Tim & Sandy Boyd (anv.)
 March 29 Rob & Nancy Brewster (anv.)
 April 2 Kent Triplett

Dates to Remember

Tonight Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 1 Food Pantry Delivery, NO TPC
 April 2 Men's Bible Study
 April 4 Easter
 April 8 Teen Parent Connection
 April 9 Men's Bible Study
 April 10 Elder/Deacon Meeting
 April 11 Sunday Night Light/Teens
 April 12 Living Room Café

Records You Helped Make

Sunday Morning Bible Class 60
 Sunday Morning Worship 29
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class 118
 Contribution \$5,897.27

Nursery Workers . Carrie Drumheller, Sabrina Link

Collection Counters Paul Mullins, Rick Root

In Our Prayers...

Herman Aultman, Bobbie Whitman's brother, will be having a kidney transplant. Donors are being tested.

Myrna Levake has cancer. She is going through tests and may have surgery.

Henry & Candra Phillips are waiting to see if their foster daughter, **Lina**, needs heart surgery.

Bob Prosser, Sr., the father-in-law of Joan Lockett's daughter Shelley, has cancer and has had several surgeries.

Those suffering with long-term issues:

Justin Avey
 Paul & Judy Bertrand – Lynette Root's parents
 Bonnie Bingham
 Nancy Brewster
 Jim & Julie Chavez
 Gail Cole – Lori Plummer's mother
 John Day
 Al Dorsey & his son, Doug
 Joyce Eakins's brother, Hubert
 Brad Fowler – Joan Lockett's nephew
 Lauren Helton – Josephine Haggerton's nephew
 Mary Henkel – Mike's mother
 Kathy Huml – John Pedersen's sister
 Debbie Lawrence – Bobbie Whitman's niece
 Don Lemley
 Anne Librande – Joanne Johnson's mother
 Steve Link
 Jack Lockett– father of Charlie, Mike, Julie Chavez,
 Shelley Prosser, Missy Kissane, & Becky Pedersen
 Mike Lockett – Joan's son
 Jackie Milam, Alyssa's mother
 Bobbye Miller
 Danielle Nichols – Alyssa Milam's cousin
 Josh Otte – Chris Czernik's nephew and the son of
 Marion Lake's cousin
 Doug Peterson
 Pat Ronzheimer
 Kay Schrader
 Chester & Phyllis Sitler
 Bruce Snyder & Cindy Stewart – Bob Voigts's cousins
 Barb Tincher – Jake's mother
 Jim Whitman

Mothers-to-be:

Tammy Urso – Dan & Linda Vantreesse's daughter
 Ben & Kristin Livermore – Craig & Bev's son
 Rob & Eryn Livermore – Craig & Bev's son

Armed forces:

James Bartels – the son of Lynette Root's friend –
 in Iraq
 Ryan Gleason – Dana Howard's nephew
 Mike Hagan – Doris Biancalana's nephew – Baghdad
 Jacob Headtke – U.S. Marines, RCC alumni
 Toby Logsdon – Dewayne & Marilyn Smith's
 son-in-law is in Afghanistan
 Jeremy Riley – great-great-nephew of Josephine
 Haggerton, stationed in Baghdad
 Shane – the son of LeAnn Sexton, a friend of
 Lori Plummer

Joey Wertz – the friend of Lynette Root's friend, Iraq
 Chris Yauch – the husband of Wendell & Margaret
 Mott's granddaughter, Mallory
 Jonathan Young – a former member is a Warrant
 Officer in the army and plans to fly helicopters.
 He's in Alabama, at Fort Rucker.

Missionaries:

Jarrold, Allison, Soledad & Levi Brown – Honduras
 Students of Joe Voigts – China
 City of Children – Ensenada, Mexico
 Obadiah Doka & Family – Nigeria
 Ayodele Waleola – Nigeria
 Shults-Lewis – the teens, their families, the workers
 Enoch & Jeannine Thweatt – Taiwan

recurring events

Food Pantry Delivery

This Thursday, April 1, we will receive our monthly delivery of food for our food pantry. We need volunteers to carry boxes of food downstairs, stock the shelves and break down cardboard boxes. We'll begin working at 10:00 a.m.

Men's Bible Study & Coffee

The Men's Bible Study, hosted by Bob Voigts and Kenn Watson, meets Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the building.

Teen Parent Connection

There is no Teen Parent Connection this Thursday, April 1. Teen Parent Connection will continue the following week and will continue meeting here every Thursday night throughout the summer. If you can assist preparing a meal or help with childcare, see Molly Mullins. Also, if you are already on Molly's list of helpers and you **cannot** assist during the summer, please let her know. Monetary donations are welcome.

Small Group Fellowships

Our next Small Group Fellowship date is April 18 and then our Small Group Fellowships will conclude Sunday, May 2, with a potluck. **There will be no evening worship at the building on Small Group Sundays.** The Small Group led by Dewayne Smith meets at the building at 5:30 p.m.



Living Room Cafe

We are scheduled to go to the Living Room Café the second MONDAY of every month through the end of the year. **The next date is April 12 and the sign-up sheet is available in the foyer.** We usually leave the building around 2:30 and return around 8:30 p.m. It is located at 806 East 64th Street in Chicago.

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Tennis Shoes Needed

Mission groups to City of Children are going to help supply Christmas presents for each child. **Our project is girls' tennis shoes.** Sign up on the chart in the foyer for the size you will donate. Each box on the chart represents one pair of shoes. **The deadline is June 1.** Questions, see Frances.



Needs for Community

A family from our community needs baby wipes, size 6 diapers and size 4T/5T pull ups. Donations may be placed by the table by the restrooms.

Directory Photos

There are several families that still need their photo taken - especially those with children! Please see Jay, Sally or Rachel Hearn and they will take your photo. Smile!



National Teachers Workshop

Sheldon Heights Church of Christ is holding their **National Teachers Workshop from Thursday, April 22, through Saturday, April 24,** at the Hilton - Northbrook. Advanced registration is \$75 per person. If you would like more information a flyer is posted in foyer or you may send an e-mail to nationalteachersworkshop@gmail.com or call 773-568-2929.

Support Moms In School at Augustino's

Augustino's Deli, located at the corner of Route 59 & Route 64, will give Moms In School 15% of net sales on **Thursday, April 8,** from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. from dine-in, drive-thru or take-home orders. Coupons which must be presented when ordering, are available in the foyer. You may copy coupons and share with your friends!

Office Hours

Sally will be on vacation this week, March 29 - April 2. If you have an immediate need, please contact Chuck at 630-669-3012 or Cliff at 630-461-5764.



Come join us this evening at 6:00 in the fellowship room!

TEENS: We have a **Sunday Night, Light** tonight at the building. We're grilling hamburgers to eat and will need buns, chips and dessert. Parents, please see Cliff about what you can bring.

It's Spring Break Week for most of our teens! If you're looking for something to do, join us for one of these activities:

Monday, March 29, meet at the church building at 12:45 to go see "The Blind Side." Tickets are \$3.50.

Wednesday, March 31, meet at the church building at 3:30 to go mini-golf or bowling (depending on weather). We'll have pizza at the building (around 6:00) before evening Bible Study. Bring \$10.

Harding University is hosting dinner and a **Cubs game** on Tuesday night, April 27th. If you signed up, please turn in \$10 to Cliff.



TODAY is the last day to register for the 2010 Ladies Retreat, "O How I Love Jesus!" Each person registering needs to complete a form listing their roommates and return the form with payment to Molly Mullins. Registration forms are available in the foyer. Make checks payable to the West Chicago Church of Christ.

The retreat is scheduled for Friday evening through Saturday noon, **April 23 and 24** and will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Warrenville. If you have transportation or financial concerns or any questions, please see Barb Voigts.

Bring your family, friends, neighbors & co-workers!

