

“The Generational Sin of **Loveless Love: What is Love Biblically?**”

1 John 4:7-8

“For the Christian, there is no more important subject matter than the subject of love. We must know what the Bible says about love because, ‘if I have not love, I gain nothing.’ (1 Corinthians 13:3)”

*“The aim (goal) of our charge (Paul’s teaching and instruction) **is love** that issues from a pure heart (a heart that has been changed and desires obedience) and a good conscience (a life that desires to not sin against God or man) and a sincere faith (a true trust in God).” (1 Timothy 1:5)*

“Beloved (those loved by God), let us love one another (command), for (because) love is from God (the source of love), and whoever loves (like this) has been born of God (been regenerated) and knows God (deep communion, intimacy, or abiding in Him). Anyone who does not love (a love of the will that is self-sacrificing towards those in need of it) does not know God (deep communion, intimacy, or abiding in Him), because God is love (God defines love, He is not defined by love).”

- **Setting the stage:**

- Knowledge without love produces pride and immaturity; Knowledge with love produces humility and maturity (1 Corinthians 8:1-3).
- There is no more sure test of being a Christian than loving one another Biblically.
- Biblical love is not just failing to do evil towards someone, it is also succeeding in doing good towards someone.
- Since God defines love, there is true love and false love.

- **Defining Biblical Love:**

- Biblical love looks to Christ for its example. Christ gives us the grace to walk as He walked and talk as He talked (John 13:34-35; 1 John 2:4-6).
- Biblical love is a love that disciplines and corrects (Hebrews 12:5-11).
- Biblical love is a love of sacrifice and service (1 John 3:16-18).
- Biblical love is a love that covers and forgives sin, and keeps no record of wrong (1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7).
- Biblical love shows itself in obedience towards God. Obedience that flows from being loved by God and the desire to serve others (1 John 5:2-3).
- Biblical love does not insist on its own way. It is patient and humble (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).
- Biblical love is committed to the truth. Love is never ashamed of the truth (Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Worship: God is For Us — CityAlight

Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery — Matt Boswell

How Deep the Father’s Love For Us — Various Artist

Closing Song: Sovereign Over Us — Aaron Keyes

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of July we are collecting monetary donations for the Lamb family, who live and serve in Papua New Guinea, working to translate the Bible into the many languages of that country. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Lambs.

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on August 17th. Group Admission tickets are \$48 each (minimum of 15 people). Please contact Christina if you would like to go or you have any questions! Christina's phone number is 740-755-6512.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We are having a Members Meeting ***NEXT*** Sunday, July 21st, immediately following the worship service. This will be a quick meeting to vote on the By-Law Additions. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this meeting.

★**BAPTISMS:** Our next Baptism service will be on Sunday, July 28th. If you are interested in or have any questions about baptism, please see Pastor Jeremy or one of the other Elders.

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, July 28th, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.