

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
WHAT WE NEED TO FINISH THE RACE
A TOPICAL, DOCTRINAL STUDY
ON THE KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

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The Title Of The Message:
LOVING UNTO THE END
WHAT WE NEED IN THESE LAST DAYS

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Introduction to the Text: 1 Corinthians 13:13

When We Talk About "Christianity" and "What a Christian is,"
what history has proven to show is that the Christian faith is a faith of Love.

It Has Been Well Said That:
"Christianity is a Religion That is Focused On Others"

True Christianity *Does*, It's Anything But Idle;
and from distant missionary field hospitals in Africa
to a world renowned cancer center in the heart of America...

***The Motive and Purpose of Our Doing is All About Jesus Christ
That Purpose was and is to Love Others to God***

Recap and Review

3.) Love / "Service" = *what we do when we know Jesus*

3a.) Love means serving Jesus Christ - He Loves Us

3b.) Love means serving one another - We Love Him

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3.) Love / "Service" = *what we do when we know Jesus*

3c.) Love / Service - *It's a Way of Life*

**Biblical Christianity is Not a Half Heart Affair,
but a Life Changing Reality.**

Because the Very Act of Salvation is an Act of Redemption,
The Holy Spirit goes to Work in Our Lives to Make Our Lives Meaningful

It's a Way of Life Because...

1.) Because our **focus** has been **changed**

1Thessalonians 3:11-12

Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. **:12** And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we *do* to you,

1Peter 1:22-23

Now you can have **sincere love** for each other as brothers and sisters because you were cleansed from your sins when you accepted the truth of the Gospel. So see to it that you really do **love each other intensely** with all your hearts. **:23** For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

It's a Way of Life Because...

2.) Because our **desire** is to benefit **others**

Romans 12:13

distributing to the needs of the saints,

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything except to love one another,
for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

1John 3:15-16

Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding (living) in him. **:16** By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

THIS CAN MEAN DEATH. BUT IN EVERYDAY LIFE,

IT MEANS SOMETHING MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

Dying to Our "Self-Life"

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. :25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. :26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

It's a Way of Life Because...

3.) Because our **goal** is to be more like **Christ**

Acts 4:13

Now when they **saw** the boldness of Peter and John, and **perceived** that they were uneducated and untrained men, they **marveled**. And they **realized** that they had been with Jesus.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

"as I have loved you"

how did Jesus love me and others?

He Loved with **Compassion** / He Loved with **Caring** /
He Loved with **Tenderness**

1John 2:5-6

But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. :6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

He Loved in Such a Way That He
Elevate the Value of Human Life / To Better the Life of Others,
To Invite Them to Know The Love of God

John 15:12-13

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. :13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

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3d.) Love / Service - *It's what we do when we know Jesus*

Is Christianity Coming Out of You?

It's What We Do When We Know Jesus Because...

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It's What We Do When We Know Jesus Because...

1.) Because He's given us a new **definition** for life

True meaning and reason and fulfillment...
-To live for the concerns of Christ

1John 3:23

And this is His commandment:

- #1.) that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ **and**
- #2.) love one another, as He gave us commandment.

There is no great example than to love what God loves.

1John 4:7-8

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. :8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. :10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us

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It's What We Do When We Know Jesus Because...

2.) Because His mission is to **show them** the kingdom

This is what you can look forward to...

Romans 12:9-10

Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. :10 Be kindly **affectionate** to one another with **brotherly love**, in honor giving preference to one

another;

1Thessalonians 4:9

But concerning **brotherly love** you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught (present tense) by God to **love** one another;

1John 4:11-12

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. :12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

*James and John prayed for a lame man.
The disciples fed the five thousand
they went out and preached and healed and ministered*

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It's What We Do When We Know Jesus Because...

3.) Because His heart has been **communicated** to us

Question:

Am I assisting Jesus in what He is desiring to make known?

1John 3:10-11

In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, **nor is he who does not love his brother.** :11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

what am I doing = (love-service)

James 2:17-21

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. :18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and **I have works.**" Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith **by my works.** :19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! :20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? :21 Was not Abraham our father justified by **his works** when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see **your good works** and glorify your Father in heaven.

In The Future, Before The Throne of God...

**The Christian, During The Seven Year Tribulation That is Yet to Come,
They Will Have to Die for Their Faith, Because Their Faith Worked...**

Revelation 14:13

Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and ***their works do follow them.***"

**It's My Prayer, That When I Stand Before the Lord at The
Judgment, That I Might be Found in a Group of Believers
Like Those in Revelation 3**

Revelation 3:7-8

"And to the angel of the church in ***Philadelphia*** write, "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, '*He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens*': :8 "I know ***your works***. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

James 3:13

Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct *that* his **works** are done in the meekness of wisdom.

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**I Believe That a Real, Going to Heaven Christian
will have the **works**, the **service**, the **love** that qualifies their **faith** as being real.**

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2Corinthians 5:10-11

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. :11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Jude 1:20-21

But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, :21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.



If You Need Ministry of Any Kind

as soon as this song is over, you come forward today, and experience God's mercy and grace in your own life.

End of Study