

**The 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Sunday, August 25, 2019**  
**“Kingdom Principles ~ The Law of Love”**  
**John 13:12-17; 31-35**

“If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your Neighbour as yourself,’ you are doing well.” (James 2:8)

**Royal = *basilikos* =**

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Mat 22:37-40)

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“Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:2)

“Love your enemies! Do good to them. Lend to them without expecting to be repaid.” (Luke 6:27)

Jesus calls us to love with \_\_\_\_\_ abandon—even those who are \_\_\_\_\_ for us to love.

And God \_\_\_\_\_ brings these people into our lives, in order to teach us what \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ love is all about.

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**VDP =**

“If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Romans 12:18, 21)

Love is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ words in our vocabulary.

**GREEK LOVE**

*Agape* =

*eros* =

*philio* =

*storge* =

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God... This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” (1 John 4:7-11)

**BIBLICAL LOVE**

**#1. Love is a gift from \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God...” (1 Jn 4:7)

**#2. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_.**

“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” (Colossians 3:14)

**#3. Love is an \_\_\_\_\_.**

“Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth...” (1 Cor 13:4-7)

“No matter what I say or what I do or what I believe I’m bankrupt without love.” (1 Corinthians 13:3)

“I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you.” (John 13:34)

**Hebrew *ahava* =**

**Hebrew *hav* =**

We don’t love those most from who we \_\_\_\_\_, we love those most to whom we \_\_\_\_\_.

**LIVING OUT THE ROYAL LAW**

**#1. \_\_\_\_\_ the the way Jesus accepts me.**

“Everyone the father brings to me will come to me. I will never turn away anyone who comes to me.” (John 6:37)

There is a big difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus accepts us \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. However, that doesn't mean He \_\_\_\_\_ of everything we do.

“Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you.” (Romans 15:7)

One of the ways we can show acceptance to others is to \_\_\_\_\_ to them—even when we don't \_\_\_\_\_ with their opinion or life choices.

**Action Step: This week I will show unconditional acceptance to:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**#2. \_\_\_\_\_ others the way Jesus values me.**

God \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

God put His \_\_\_\_\_ in you.

God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

“Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Even the hairs on your head have all been counted! Do not be afraid. You are worth far more than many sparrows.” (Luke 12:6)

#### VALUE IS DETERMINED BY :

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“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...” (Psalm 139:13)

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“God paid for you with the precious life blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” (1 Peter 1:19)

“Treat everyone you meet with dignity.” (1 Peter 2:17)

We can't love without \_\_\_\_\_; without trying to see people for who they \_\_\_\_\_ are.

**Action Step: This week I will affirm the value of:**

\_\_\_\_\_.

**#3. \_\_\_\_\_ others the way Jesus forgives me.**

“I am the God who forgives your sins and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.” (Isaiah 43:25)

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

“This is the blood of my covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin.” (Matthew 26:28)

“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” (Colossians 3:13)

God has forgiven us of so \_\_\_\_\_—how can we \_\_\_\_\_ others what I so willingly \_\_\_\_\_ for ourselves?

**Action Step: This week I will show forgiveness to:**

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**#4. \_\_\_\_\_ in others like Jesus believes in me.**

We're constantly bombarded by negative \_\_\_\_\_ everyday.

“If you love someone you will be loyal to them no matter what the cost. You will always believe in them. Always expect the best of them, and always stand your ground defending them. When everybody else believes the worst, love believes the best.” (1 Corinthians 13:7)

God wants us to expect the \_\_\_\_\_ of people—to believe in them. Jesus always \_\_\_\_\_ the people around Him—He always saw who they truly were—and who they would \_\_\_\_\_. He saw their \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_; He saw their \_\_\_\_\_, not their \_\_\_\_\_.

“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there and it will move.’ Nothing will be impossible to you.” (Matthew 17: 20)

“The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works because I'm going to be with my Father.” (John 14:12)

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on to love and to good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)

**Action Step: This week I will say; “I Believe in you,” to:**

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