

"A Race To BE WON IN 2021"



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Pastor & Mrs. C
"Old-Fashioned
Sunday"



LOVE



Introduction: The Bible illustrates and teaches throughout the amazing power of love. It is seen between husbands and wives and our Saviour and the disciples.

Ephesians 5:25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it."

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

So much is said about love, but very few truly experience the love that is revealed through a personal relationship with Jesus.

FIRST: THE PERVERTING OF LOVE.

I CORINTHIANS 13:1

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal."

Paul is saying here that if he had the ability to preach in every language including the language of angels, but had not love, then it would be just a noise and nothing more. The phrase, "tongues of angels" is not a reference to a mysterious, heavenly language that you received because of a level of spirituality. There is nothing in Scripture that indicates that you are to speak with an angelic tongue. In fact, any time angels spoke to humans, they spoke perfectly in the tongue of the human.

It makes no sense for people to speak in a so-called, "heavenly language" in a church service when speaking in their own language would communicate truth more effectively.

SECOND: THE PRACTICE OF LOVE.

I CORINTHIANS 13:3

"...and have not charity..."

Throughout this chapter love is translated "charity." Why? Because love shares and is giving toward others. It reaches out in compassion toward others.

- I. Eros = This is passion between a husband and wife.
- II. Philia = this is a very warm love we feel for someone else.
- III. Storge = means affection. It is used for illustrating love between friends.
- IV. Agape = Translated 28 times as "charity." This love is the strongest of loves. This love is powerful and unconditional. It is the same love that God has for us. **Romans 5:8,** "But God commendeth His love toward us..." This kind of love is so real that it transforms hatred to love and bitterness to sweetness.

THIRD: THE PORTRAIT OF LOVE.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind..."

Here Paul the Apostle directed by the Holy Spirit is painting a beautiful picture of what love produces.

- I. Is patient. **"suffereth long."** Means never loses heart.
- II. Is pleasant. **"Kind."** The opposite of being harsh.
- III. Is not possessive. **"Envy."** You will not be jealous or try to hold back the success of others.
- IV. Is not self-promoting. **"Vaunt."** Is to reveal yourself as superior to others.
- V. Is not puffed up. **"Puffed up."** Is to be so proud you inflate yourself.
- VI. Is polite. **"Behave."** Means to show good manners.
- VII. Is pointed. **"Seeketh not her own."** Means it exalts others.
- VIII. Is not easily provoked. **"Provoked."** Means not easily brought to anger.
- IX. Is pure. **"Thinketh no evil."** Means clean in thoughts of others.
- X. Is not pleased with wrong thoughts. **"Thinketh no evil."**

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Dr. M. H. Tabb

Social Media Addiction

Sadly, addiction to electronic gadgets has become all too commonplace. Even small children get addicted to video games. Many of them learn to operate games and even iPads at as young as two or three years old. We have to conclude that people who check their phone for text messages or Facebook multiple times every day are addicted to it.

There are more Americans (12 years old and up) who have a social networking profile (56%) than those who do not have one. That is up 48% from 2010. How many things do people normally do several times a day? Not very many. (Eat, maybe?) However, many social networkers have a “social habit” of using their social networking many times every day.

How much does social networking affect one’s purchasing activities? Forty-seven percent of Americans claim that Facebook has a great influence on their buying behavior, compared to just 24% in 2011.

Facebook is the most addicting of all the social networks, with 23% of its users checking their account five or more times EVERY DAY. The average number of daily look-ins by Facebook users is four. Come on, people—are “friends” really so interesting that you have to keep up with their meaningless and silly statements every couple of hours? It would seem so.

Here are some examples of just how severe and real these addictions can become.

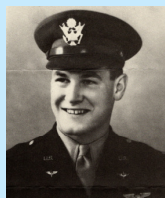
On Tuesday, October 13, 2015, a 20-year-old newlywed woman committed suicide at her home after her husband took her mobile phone away from her because she was obsessed with WhatsApp and Facebook. Her husband had repeatedly warned her about spending most of her time on social media. She had told her brother about her husband’s action, and then locked herself inside a room. After repeated attempts to get her to open the door, her husband broke open the door and found his wife hanging from the ceiling.

A girl sasssed her mom for disciplining her for being disrespectful to her grandfather. The mom took away the girl’s phone as punishment. On their way home, the girl tried to commit suicide by jumping from the car which was traveling 70 mph.

A 19-year-old Chinese boy cut off his left hand with a kitchen knife in order to break his online addiction. He was one of an estimated 7.1% of the population of Asia that is addicted to the internet, including 24 million Chinese children. New Taiwanese legislation limits the time that children under eighteen years of age can use electronic devices, with permissive parents facing heavy fines. Smart phones, iPads, and even televisions fall under the new law. Research by the British Medical Journal revealed that a child born today will spend a full year staring at screens by the time he reaches age seven, i.e., over 14% of his time alive will be spent staring at a screen.

While these are extreme cases, they certainly illustrate just how addictive social networking can become.

Lest We Forget



“I like to sit up these warm bright nights and watch the white clouds and dark shadows move in the night. That’s when I miss you the most darling. On the nights that I sit up alone I can feel you very close to me. Sometimes we sit and talk and sometimes I pretend we are just sitting there with our arms about each other. Best I don’t dwell on the subject just now cause I miss you so much right now it seems as though my heart is going to burst.”

*-Lt. Jack Emery to his fiancée, Audrey Taylor, July 6, 1944
Emery was shot down three days later over Burma.*

Perfect Salmon

2 to 2 1/4-lb fresh whole salmon fillet
1/2 tsp. seasoned salt (such as Lawry’s)
1/2 tsp. black pepper
2 tbsp. Spiced Cranberry Sauce

1 tbsp. clementine or orange juice
2 clementines, halved and/or sliced
1/8 tsp. dried parsley
Additional Spiced Cranberry Sauce (optional)

Preheat oven to 450°. Line a shallow baking pan with foil. Place a greased wire rack in pan. Place salmon on wire rack. Sprinkle salmon with seasoned salt and pepper. In a small bowl, whisk together 2 tablespoons cranberry sauce and the clementine juice. Brush mixture evenly over salmon.

Roast 8 minutes. (Roast 10 minutes if the salmon is thicker than 1 1/2 inches.) Preheat broiler. Add clementines to rack, cut sides up. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until salmon flakes easily and clementines are lightly charred, about 8 minutes. Garnish with charred clementines; serve with more Spiced Cranberry Sauce, if desired.

What can I say more? Love is pleased with truth and is protective of those it loves. Love is patient and love is persistent. Love never gives up.

FOURTH: THE PREEMINENCE OF LOVE.

I CORINTHIANS 13:13

"...but the greatest of these is charity." "Love."

When we speak of faith it will take us back to the cross and reminds us of the way we came to Calvary and placed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we speak of hope we look to the future and see Him coming back for us. Coming back for you because He promised to do so.

But when we speak of love, we are dealing with the present. It is what keeps us faithful. It is what keeps our hearts burning with zeal. It is what sustains us during times of heartache and suffering. Love is what the world searches for, but never seems to find.

Conclusion: If you have never placed your faith in Christ, then may I urge you to do so today? The moment you receive Christ as your Saviour, Love in the person of Christ will fill your heart.

By the way, nothing is so tragic as for a person to live an entire life only to face death and never one time experience true love.

I plead with you: Trust Christ!

Prayer of Salvation

If you were to die today, are you 100% sure you would go to Heaven?

If not, would you be willing to pray this prayer with me?

'Dear Jesus, I'm asking you to come into my heart and forgive me of my sins. I'm trusting you, Jesus, as my Saviour. Thank you for saving me. Amen.' (Romans 10:9 and 10:13)



Prayer of Service

'Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?' (Acts 9:6)



Dr. Bob Gray

Rebuke Not An Elder

Many of these young men today are missing the ability to honor their elders. They rebuke disrespectfully rather than entreating honorably. The way to talk to older preachers is with the respect that you are supposed to give to your father. It is not a problem to me when a young man respectfully comes to ask a question because he does not understand my position. I have no problem with that at all. I do have a problem, though, with a young man who comes to scold me. That is dishonorable. That is disrespectful. That is unscriptural. It is shocking how many young preachers think that they have the right to rebuke older preachers. The moment you do that, you have withheld the honor due to that man as your elder.

Paul also told Timothy, "When you are with your younger friends, treat them as your brothers." How do brothers act? Well, my boys argued and fought, but they did not fight with me because I was the father. In essence, Paul was saying, "Timothy, mind your own business and show fatherly respect to the elders. If you want to fight, do it with your brothers." That is a loose paraphrase, but I think you get the idea.

This example may illustrate my point. A young man respectfully asked, "Dr. Gray, why is it that your generation could disagree and still get along?" He asked it in a way that was honorable, so I answered him.

I said, "Young man, you have no idea the differences the previous generation had with one another. Sitting on the same platform was John R. Rice, Lee Roberson, Jack Hyles, Lester Roloff, and Bob Jones, Sr. There could not have been five men with more differences than those five men. Lester Roloff renounced television. John Rice vehemently preached against storehouse tithing. Bob Jones, Sr., was a Methodist and had vespers for Sunday morning services in his college. Yet, these men got along because of their common purpose of winning the lost. Some of Dr. Hyles' closest preacher friends had totally different convictions than he did, yet they got along quite well. Young man, every generation has the same struggles, the same temptations, the same tendencies. It is the same play, different actors."

This young man was amazed at things he would never have learned had he chosen to rebuke me. I might add that our conversation encouraged his heart and mine.

Let me give another example. I have had many young men rebuke me for my position on women wearing pants. Now, I take quite a strong stand on this issue. One young man with honor and respect came to me and said, "Dr. Gray, I'm struggling to understand the position that you take against women wearing pants. Would you kindly explain it to me?"

I did not go on a tirade against women wearing pants. I lovingly and scripturally explained to him that the Bible clearly stated that women's attire should distinctly set them apart from a man and vice versa. I told him that he needed to decide what that meant to him. I did not berate him. I did not tell him what he should believe about women wearing pants. I merely stated the biblical principle and challenged him as to how he was going to make an application. He was surprised.

Something to 'CROW' about!

1. Heritage Baptist Church has had someone saved every week in 2020.
2. The bus ministry is still active.
3. We are hosting the "Old-Time Religion" Conference in 2021.
4. Heritage Baptist Church never closed one time in 2020.



From Our Church Prayer List

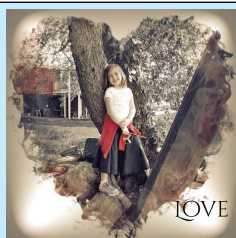
1. Judy Kurpan
2. Ed Hosey
3. Sheila Spencer
4. Anita Miller
5. Michelle Lemons
6. Kevin McClain
7. Harold Cooper
8. Linda Sigstad
9. Carolyn Grindel

Upcoming



Events

1. Bridal Shower for Angela Berezne, March 9th, 2021.
2. Dr. Bob Gray, Sunday April 11th.
3. Friday, May 28th, Angela Berezne and Benjamin Tharp wedding.
4. Heritage Baptist Academy Graduation, Sunday June 13th 7:00 PM.
5. Old-Time Religion Conference, Sunday—Tuesday June 20th—22nd.



2020 In Review



Heritage Baptist Church Nursery Directors



Mrs. Ann Lewis, Director



Mrs. Melissa Frick,
Asst. Director



Mrs. C with
Jarrod in
Colorado,
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From our Pastor's Wife ... Mrs. Vida Collingsworth His Love Endures ... Forever.

Luke 4:18

It does not take us long as we visit with friends and relatives, or even upon meeting perfect strangers, that behind a smiling face may be someone who is carrying a heavy, heavy heart.

Oftentimes, people look to comfort their broken hearts with alcohol and drugs. This balm may bring momentary comfort and relief, only to leave you even far more devastated.

Some may look for comfort in a relationship with a friend, family member, husband or wife. These relationships may be good and wonderful in themselves, but they are made of human, fallible flesh, and in this we can find no lasting

comfort. However, there is one who never fails; one who never leaves you or forsakes you; one who understands your thoughts afar off. He is one who can bind up the broken hearted.

Do not be one who says I will lock my heart away, not to be hurt again today, but rather carry 'heart insurance', and when the heartbreaks come, go to Jesus who can and will, if you ask him, bind up our broken hearts.



Dr. Jack
Hyles

Preach Against Sin

"Cry aloud, spare not, Lift up thy voice like a trumpet." Preachers must preach against sin passionately. Fervent doesn't mean hateful or mean spirited. It means hot, boiling over, and animated. Preaching should be ardent, passionate, zealous, earnest, and spirited. No one enjoys hearing a boring preacher. If the messenger is not consumed by the message, the listeners won't be either. Preaching against sin should be fiery and intense.

Isaiah 58:1 tells the preacher to cry aloud. Preachers yell at times. Not every preacher is bombastic. I know some very passionate preachers who seldom scream. However, it is undeniable that a raised voice is a universal sign of passion and urgency. Some Christians complain about preachers who yell, but they should take up the problem with God. He commanded His men to "cry aloud" against sin.

Ezekiel 6:11, "Thus saith the Lord GOD; Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! for they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence."

This amazing verse reveals God's commandment for the preacher to smite and stomp! If your preacher hits the pulpit, stomps his foot, claps, or yells while preaching, you can thank the LORD that he is following God's instructions.

Consider this quote by President Abraham Lincoln.

"I don't like to hear cut and dried sermons. No—when I hear a man preach, I like to see him act as if he were fighting bees." - Abraham Lincoln

I wholeheartedly agree!

Preachers should preach their hearts out. They should be exhausted and empty at the end of a sermon because they gave all they had. Most preachers take Monday off to recuperate from spending and being spent on Sunday.

"I preached as never sure to preach again, and as a dying man to dying men." - Richard Baxter

Some people complain about how the preacher preaches. It's too loud or too long or too complicated or too shallow. The truth is most people don't want you preaching about sin, no matter how you say it! The content is bothersome to them, not the delivery. Rebels don't like the Truth no matter how you say it.

Oh the looks we get when we preach against people's sin! Just keep on preaching!

We must name sin! Don't just preach against sin, evil, or wrongdoing in general terms. Shine the light upon sin. Call it out. Declare it as wickedness and an insult to our thrice holy God.

"The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the Truth brings him to his knees." - Billy Sunday

Preachers must cry against sins like:

- Hatred
- Bitterness
- Unlove
- Anger
- Unforgiveness
- Abuse
- Homosexuality
- Gender Confusion
- Worldliness
- Drunkenness
- Drug Abuse
- Lust
- Immodesty
- Rebellion
- Jealousy
- Envy
- Adultery
- Fornication
- Uncleaness
- Lasciviousness
- Idolatry
- Witchcraft
- Revellings
- Hypocrisy
- Heresies

AND MUCH MORE!

AT THE SUPERMARKET, A CUSTOMER BUYING A LOT OF GROCERIES WAS CHECKING OUT.

AS THE CLERK LIFTED THE FINAL BAG, ITS BOTTOM GAVE WAY, AND THE CONTENTS FELL TO THE FLOOR.

"THEY DON'T MAKE THESE BAGS LIKE THEY USED TO," THE CLERK SAID TO THE CUSTOMER. "THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN IN YOUR DRIVEWAY."



Dr. Tom
Neal

The Prayerless Person

There is no joy or triumph in the life of a prayerless person. When a person is not what he should be, it is because of prayerlessness. Sometimes we look at a person and say, "That is the result of being with the wrong person at the wrong place." Actually, it is the result of being somebody who does not spend time with God, who does not walk and fellowship with God, who does not call upon God, and who does not depend upon God. That is the reason we sin. That is the reason we fail. If we have no spiritual walk with God, we have no strength.

When a person is not what he should be, it is most often because of prayerlessness. That person is doing an injustice to himself, to God, and to those around him who need his help. There are people who need your help but who will never get it because you do not pray. Buy all the toys and games you want. Go on all the vacations you want, but if you cannot pray for your family, you are not doing anything for them. Oh, how sad that the fury of God is blowing through our houses and lives only because we refuse to have the prayer life that we are supposed to have with God!

Some food for thought ...or... Seed From The Silo!



Electoral fraud. Threats of violence. Poor ballot design. Disputed state electoral results. A questionable elector. Is this the election of 2020 or 2000? Surprise - it's neither. This was 1876, and it was a major constitutional crisis not fully resolved until 72 hours before Inauguration Day in 1877.

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution states, "The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such

Regulations ..."

Article II, Section 1 lays out the actual mechanism for electors to cast ballots for president and vice president. This is commonly referred to as the Electoral College, whose workings continue to mystify Americans.

It is both ambiguity and a complex mix of state and federal laws that set the stage for occasional problems.

US elections, even for president and Congress, are largely state affairs. They are governed by the laws and regulations of the fifty states and thousands of local levels of government regarding ballot design, the listing of candidates, polling places, polling hours, early voting procedures, and mail-in ballot rules.

Small wonder, then, that turmoil occasionally occurs, as in the "hanging chads" election of 2000. But electoral problems due to the Constitution's wording began as early as 1796 and came to a head in 1800 and 1824.

Originally, electors cast two ballots for president with no ability to make distinctions for vice president. The rise of political parties was not foreseen by the Founders. The result of the 1796 election was President John Adams, a Federalist, and Thomas Jefferson of the Democratic-Republican Party.

The constitutional quirk arose again in 1800, when Jefferson and running mate Aaron Burr defeated the Federalist team. But the electoral votes produced a tie between Jefferson and Burr, even though it was widely understood that Jefferson was to be president. The House of Representatives was charged with picking the president, and it took until February and 36 ballots to select Jefferson. The 12th Amendment permanently fixed this quirk by separating the balloting for president and vice president.

In 1824, four candidates ran. Since no one received a majority of the electoral votes, the House again had to choose the president. It selected John Quincy Adams, even though Andrew Jackson had more popular and electoral votes. Believing the election had been stolen from him, an angry Jackson declared a "corrupt bargain" to have occurred when Adams selected opponent Henry Clay to be Secretary of State. Jackson won the 1828 rematch in what historians consider to be the nastiest campaign in political history.

Written by Jeff Szymanski

What Kind Of Seed Are **You** Sowing?

Heritage Highlanders February 2021 Schedule



Saturday February 6

Love and Friendship

Saturday February 13

Valentine Love Notes

I John 4:7-8

John 13:34

Saturday February 20

Presidents' Day—Abraham Lincoln

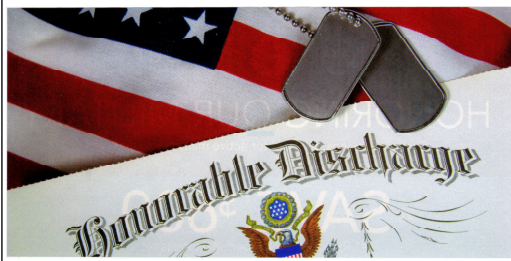
Saturday February 27

Soulwinning

Pro. 1:5

John 3:16

Lest We Forget



**A STUDENT CALLED
HIS SCHOOL AND
SAID, "MY SON HAS
A BAD COLD AND
WON'T BE AT
SCHOOL TODAY."**

**"WHO IS THIS?" THE
SECRETARY ASKED.**

"IT'S MY FATHER."



"All-American Woman"

Our Statement of Faith

We accept the Holy Scriptures contained in the Old and New Testaments as being the verbally inspired Word of God and being perfectly preserved in the King James 1611 Bible. We do not believe it can be corrected or improved upon in any way. It is the final rule of faith and practice. **Psalm 12:6-7, 1 Peter 1:23**

We believe in the triune God, who is eternally in three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Matt. 28:19-20**
We believe in the deity of Christ— His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death for the sins of the world, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent, and premillennial return.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 1 Timothy 3:16, Acts 1:11

We believe that all men are sinners and are guilty before God; in need of a Saviour. **Romans 3:23**

We believe that men are born again through faith in Jesus Christ; that they become the children of God, eternally saved; that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to guide and help him in his testimony and service.

Acts 16:30-31, Galatians 2:16, Ephesians 1:13, John 10:28

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in hell. We believe that all believers have a responsibility to get the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ into all the world. **John 5:28-29, Luke 16:22-23, Rev. 20:11-15**

We believe that Baptist churches were the first churches of Christianity and that Jesus founded a Baptist church. **John 1:35-37, Acts 1:22**

Baptist Beliefs

Biblical Authority

Autonomy of the Local Church

Priesthood of ALL Believers

Two ordinances - Baptism & Communion

Immersed Church Membership

Soul-liberty

Two officers - Pastors and Deacons

Separation of Church and State

Baptist Heritage

- **John the Baptist**, Exalter of Christ
- **Meno Simons** (1496-1561), Dutch Anabaptist leader
- **Roger Williams** (1603-1683), Founded the first Baptist church in America in Providence, Rhode Island in 1638.
- **John Clarke** (1609-1676) was a Baptist preacher, medical doctor, and co-founder of the colony of Rhode Island. He was a driving force to get religious freedom into the charter of Rhode Island.
- **John Bunyan** (1628-1688), Baptist preacher who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*
- **Charles Spurgeon** (1834-1892), might be the greatest Baptist pastor
- **John Franklyn Norris** (1877-1952), founder of World Baptist Fellowship
- **Jack Frasure Hyles** (1926-2001), 10,000 baptisms per year

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