

Sermon Notes:



WHAT SHALL
YOU PROFIT
IF YOU GAIN THE
WHOLE WORLD
AND FORFEIT
YOUR SOUL?
Matt. • 16:26

Plan of Salvation for Mankind

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September 6, 2015

Apple Valley Church of Christ

Seeking and saving the lost...

Welcome,
The Apple Valley Church of Christ extends a warm welcome to our guests. We are honored by your presence today. If you have any questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Prayer List

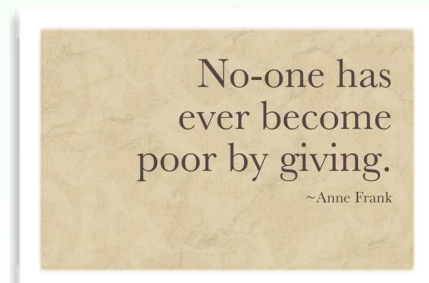
Vicky asked that we pray for Shelly who is having a biopsy. Pray for Wanda's sister Peaches who is having upcoming procedures for her eyes and also for her friend Josie Esperanza who has suffered the loss of her husband. Pray for Sylvia and family. Pray for sister McKinney, she is seeing a neurosurgeon Sept. 15th, also she asked that we pray for Stephanie Munoz who has cancer and for her family as well. Thank God that Donte Young, born July 22nd is home and is able to eat, pray for Shetera's health. Also pray for sister Lorena's cousin, Jackie Grimes, who has suffered a heart attack. Pray for the Brown family who have suffered a recent loss. Pray for brother Henderson and family, he also asks prayers for the Ray Hamilton family for their loss. Thom and Mary Elizabeth need prayers. Pray for brother Freeman, he will need more eye surgery, he also asked that we pray for his uncle Leron Dozier who suffered a stroke. Pray for Donna's brother Robert. Keep Rosetta's grandson in prayer. Pray for the continued recovery of Joe Brass. Michael has a job interview and is still having shoulder problems, pray for him, he also asked that we pray for his uncle Tony. Pray for sister Leola's friend Elena

Armstrong who has stage 4 kidney cancer. Pray for Stan's friend Lee who is having brain surgery.



Portable Baptistry

Needing donations to purchase a portable baptistry so we can move forward with church building remodel plans. Anticipated cost \$1200. Please help.



Today's Services

1. Singing
2. Opening Prayer
3. Singing
4. Preaching
5. Invitation Song
6. Communion Song
7. Communion
8. Song Before Offering
9. Offering
10. Announcements
11. Closing Song
12. Closing Prayer

Song Leader - Stan
Prayer - Dan
Preaching - Stan
Table Lead - Lenard
Helper - Brandon
Helper - Jeremiah
Announce - Henry
Prayer - TC



Holiday Baskets

We are now needing Stove Top Dressing, enough for 20 baskets.

Traveling

Pray that Louis returns home safely. Pray that Travis is safely returned to us. The Baker family is away today, pray for their safety.

Coats And Blankets

Vicky is starting to collect coats and blankets for the poor, please donate what you have.

Spiritual Devotion

2 Timothy 2:1-2

Saturday September 12th 9:00-11:00 AM at the church building.

Prayer Meeting

Friday September 18th 6:30 PM at the church building.

Class Teachers Needed

One teacher for children's class in October, two teachers for November. Sign up on sheet on bulletin board in the foyer.

Welcome Home, Birthday Party

For Travis. September 28th, 6:30 PM
10570 Dover Rd., Apple Valley

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Question:

"What does it mean to love one another?"

Answer: Jesus knew that relationships are the most valuable asset that we have, but at times the most difficult to maintain. That's why in John 13:34 Jesus taught, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Then He added, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (verse 35) The "one another" in these verses is a reference to fellow believers. A distinguishing mark of being a follower of Christ is of Christ is a deep, sincere love for

brothers and sisters in Christ. The apostle John reminds us of this fact elsewhere: "He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister" (1 John 4:21).

In giving this command, Jesus did something the world had never seen before—He created a group identified by one thing: love. There are many groups in the world, and they identify themselves in any number of ways: by skin color, by uniform, by shared interest, by alma mater, etc. One group has tattoos and piercings; another group abstains from meat; yet another group wears fezzes—the ways people categorize themselves are endless. But the church is unique. For the first and only time in history, Jesus created a group whose identifying factor is love. Skin color doesn't matter. Native language doesn't matter. There are no rules about diet or uniforms or wearing funny hats. Followers of Christ are identified by their love for each other.

The early church demonstrated the type of love Jesus was talking about. There were people in Jerusalem from all over the known world (Acts 2:9-11). Those who were saved got together and immediately began meeting each other's needs: "All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need" (Acts 2:44-45). This was love in action, and you can be sure it made an impression on the people of that city.

Jesus' statements in John 13:34-35 raise a couple of other questions that may be good to answer. First, how does Jesus love? He loves unconditionally (Romans 5:8), sacrificially (2 Corinthians 5:21), with forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32), and eternally (Romans 8:38-39). At the same time, Jesus' love is holy—characterized by transcendent moral purity—because He is holy (Hebrews 7:26). The culmination of Christ's amazing love for us is His death on the

cross, burial, and bodily resurrection (1 John 4:9-10). Believers are to love each other like that.

Second, "How then can the believer in Christ love as Christ loved?" The believer in Christ has the Holy Spirit living within him (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). By obeying the Spirit, through the Word of God, the believer can love like Christ does. He shows that unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving love to fellow believers, but it doesn't stop there. He also shows the love of Christ to friends, to family members, to coworkers, etc. (Ephesians 5:18-6:4; Galatians 5:16, 22-23). Even enemies are the recipients of Christ's love (see Matthew 5:43-48).

Christ's love displayed through the believer is unlike the "love" generated by the flesh, which can be selfish,

egotistical, unforgiving, and insincere. First Corinthians 13:4-8 gives a wonderful description of what Christ's love will be like in and through the believer who walks in the Spirit.

People don't naturally love with a 1 Corinthians 13-type love. To love like that,

there must be a change of heart. A person must realize that he is a sinner before God and understand that Christ died on the cross and rose again to provide him forgiveness; then he must make the decision to accept Christ as his personal Savior. At that point he is forgiven by Christ and receives God's gift of eternal life—in fact, he becomes a participant in the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4). In Christ he knows that he is genuinely loved by God. The new life the believer receives includes a new capacity to love like Christ loves, for the believer now has living within him the unconditional, sacrificial, forgiving, eternal, and holy love of God (Romans 5:5).

To love one another is to love fellow believers as Christ loves us. Those who love like Christ in the Holy Spirit's power will give evidence that they are disciples, or learners, of Jesus Christ.

