



Coming up at MLCC:

**Seniors Minsitry
Coffee Klatch Sept 28th
10am**

**MLCC NEXT STEPS CLASSES
Today & Oct 4 @ 11am**

**CROSSROADS BANQUET
October 10th
Signup at Connections
Center**

**Trunk or Treat
October 31st 4-6pm**

**Grief Share
Mondays 6:30pm**

**Men's Bible Study
Tuesdays 6:00pm**

**Women's Bible Study
Thursdays 6:00pm**

**Women's Fitness
Mondays & Thursdays
10am**

**Youth Ministry
Junior High Youth
Wednesdays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)
High School Youth
Sundays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)**

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Sermon Notes- September 27, 2026

"Clothed in the Love of Christ"

Speaker: John J Roberts

Text: Colossians 3:14

Introduction

Paul points clearly to the centrality and pre-eminence of love in Christian character and witness.

"And above all these put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

The Greek word in the text is agape – unconditional love:

"...this is the characteristic word of Christianity... this describes that attitude that God has toward his Son (John 17:26)... and the human race generally (John 3:16, Romans 5:8)... this is God's word to convey to his children concerning their attitude toward one another (John 13:34)... and toward all men in order to express the essential nature of God." (Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words)

I Corinthians 13

Galatians 5:22 -23

Paul knew this kind of love... because it was the love that rescued him;
Romans 5:5 -6

Paul is captured so powerfully by love, perhaps, because he'd lived so much hate.

Paul had given the sword a try and his focus on love must, at least in part, have been that he'd worked to change the world from a place of power and control. Acts 7:54 - 60, Acts 8:1, Acts 8:3, Acts 9:1

Think about Paul's own admission of his life prior to becoming a follower of Jesus: Acts 22:4, Acts 26:10, I Corinthians 15:9, Galatians 1:13,

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.

Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

Paul's life is transformed by light and love, and it shifted the course of his life and work.

Paul is transformed by a personal encounter with the resurrected Jesus. We find the story in Acts 9:1-19.

Galatians 1:11

Questions for Reflection:

1. Have you experienced the life-giving transformation of being found by Christ?
2. Do you look on the world, and the people around you, with a heart to conquer or a heart to free it?
3. Do you feel angry toward the world or compassion?
4. Where are the opportunities in your life to be a loving, life-giving, presence?



International Mission-Dale Mueller: Dale is heading back to the Philippines this week to continue his work there, even though he is officially retired. He is good to go again with some age-related limitations. In the coming years I plan to continue to help build our team of leaders, preachers and missionaries throughout our churches in Metro Manila and the Bicol region. Urgent projects are to continue to rebuild the ministry in our main church in Navotas and replace their building in an area not prone to flooding. Please pray for wisdom, power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. Also, pray for those who will be inspired to carry our vision to reach the lost in the Philippines and beyond into the future.

Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center: October 10th will be the annual Crossroads Banquet. MLCC has sponsored 3 tables, if you'd like to attend at one of our tables please see Tyler Wallace at the Connections Center following the service.