



John 17:3

And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, & Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ But grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now & to the day of eternity. Amen.



Matthew 28:19-20

¹⁹ Go therefore & make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

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8/23/26

Sunday School Attendance: 35
Worship Attendance: 76

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish a happy birthday this week to John Byars and Jack Estes.

Please join us on Wednesday nights for Bible studies for all ages at 6:30 PM. There is a free meal for all children and youth at 6:00.

We will have a members meeting after the morning service to vote on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year (2026-2027).

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So now *faith, hope, and
love* abide, these three;

**BUT THE GREATEST
OF THESE IS LOVE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

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Call to Worship

This Is Amazing Grace

Welcome & Announcements

Scriptural Call to Worship

Psalm 105:1-6

Worship through Song

We Fall Down

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Worship through Giving

Redeemed

(After the offering, children 5th grade & under are dismissed to children’s church)

Worship through Proclamation

1 Corinthians 12:27-31; 13:1-13

Worship through Response

How He Loves

Benediction

Scripture Reading

Psalm 105:1–6 (CSB) 1 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; proclaim his deeds among the peoples. 2 Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell about all his wondrous works! 3 Boast in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. 4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. 5 Remember the wondrous works he has done, his wonders, and the judgments he has pronounced, 6 you offspring of Abraham his servant, Jacob’s descendants—his chosen ones.

1 Corinthians 12:27–31 (CSB) 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, next miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, leading, various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all do miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But desire the greater gifts. And I will show you an even better way.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13 (CSB) 1 If I speak human or angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith so that I can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 And if I give away all my possessions, and if I give over my body in order to boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, 5 is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. 6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. 11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known. 13 Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

Sermon Notes

“I will show you an even better way.” (12:31)
Love is a better way because it is the way of _____

John 13:34–35 (CSB) 34 “I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Love is not a spiritual _____; love is a _____ of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and a way to live that is available to _____ regardless of their gift.

Love is more _____ than giftedness

Love is _____

- Love is an _____; Paul shows what love _____
- Love as described here matches the Christian experience: this is how God loves us through _____

1 John 4:7–11 (CSB) —7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. 10 Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

Love is _____

“Love never ends.” (13:8)