



CT Sunday, December 10th, 2017 AM PC Message
December Sermon Series: "The Greatest Gifts"
Message: "The Greatest Gift You'll Ever GIVE: Love"

INTRODUCTION

What IS the greatest Christmas gift you have ever GIVEN?

I challenge you today that one of all-time one "Greatest Gifts" that you will ever GIVE is _____!!!

MAIN POINTS

LIFE POINT #1:

What Exactly IS " _____ "?

John 3:16-18... _____

I guess the REAL question is- what will WE each _____ with that great gift of God's raw supernatural life-transforming love!?

LIFE POINT #2:

_____ **the Gift of Love**

In Jesus' birth. Love _____ the way. In His life, love _____ the way!

NOW, WE GOTTA *DO* THIS! REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

How can we live this out?...

- *What darkness are you personally facing today?*
- *Where do you see the spark of God's _____ active in your life?*
- *How will you re-kindle that love today?*

LIFE POINT #3:

God's Gift of Love Moves Us Into _____

1 John 4:9-11... _____

You see, God put hands and feet on His love. He took action.

Let's allow God's love to move us into action!

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- *How does focusing first on God's love change our perspective of the Christmas season?*
- *Who do you need to _____?*

- What 3 steps can you take to put love into action this week?

LIFE POINT #4:

God's Gift of _____ Simply Amazing Love

Ephesians 3:17-19... _____

Sometimes it takes an unwanted storm or challenge for us to _____ to a deeper understanding of God's faithful love.

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- How can you look differently at a current struggle to discover new understanding of God's _____?
- What step can you take to reawaken wonder at the magnitude of Christ's love?

LIFE POINT #5:

_____ Great Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 ... _____

Let's become practitioners of God's great, triumphant love 1 _____ at a time.

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- What difficult situation can you turn into a simple expression of _____?
- Who today needs a touch of kindness and encouragement?
- What trait of 1 Corinthians 13 stands out as one you can focus on today?

LIFE POINT #6:

The One Essential Motivating _____

Check out 1 Corinthians 13:1-3... _____

Without love in our lives filling us and fueling us, our greatest actions and efforts are just _____.

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- Where is busyness threatening to squelch love as the motivation of your Christmas holiday activities?
- Is there one calendar event you can cut?
- What is one step you can take today to let your Christmas celebrations be driven by a response and expression of _____?

LIFE POINT #7:

There Is NO Greater _____ Than God's Love!

Romans 8:38-39 ... _____

God's love does not and will not _____. There is no greater power in the universe and nothing as _____.

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- What do you think can separate you from God's _____?
- How can you remind yourself throughout the day of the power of God's love for you?
- Where do you need to allow God's _____ to bridge the gap to another person?

LIFE POINT #8:

Love Is To _____!

1 John 4:19... _____

Because of God's gracious love flowing into us, we can respond with gratitude, sharing a generous, life-giving _____ with other people.

REAL LIFE ACTION STEPS...

- What 3 things are you thankful for today?
- What can you do to express gratitude for them?
- Where has fear snagged you on the rocks of "yes, but..."?
- How can diving into God's _____ carry you beyond that fear?

CONCLUSION

Do YOU have any *love* in your _____?

We need the love of God _____ in and through us today.

Let's determine to BE people *LIVING* in the love of God.

