

Sermon Notes: 01.11.2026 – Jesus Taught Us How To Live...Another Piece

Last Week's Message Was About Who We Are In Christ and What We Have From God –

This Week – What Are We Supposed to Do With All that God Gave Us? LIVE!

Jesus Taught Us How to Live – We Aren't Left To Work Our Own Way Out of The Confusion

Love is Part 1 – Jesus Taught Us a Lot about How to Live for Him

If I Lose God, It's an Opinion to Say if I'm Right – If I Love God. His Word & The Holy Spirit will Tell Me

What was Revealed by the Person of Christ was Given to Us to Refocus Us on God Who Loves Us and Directs Us to Love God and Love One Another. The Privilege of Being His Imitators.

Ephesians 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; ² and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

“By This Love Is Perfected in Us” ([Taste of Heaven](#)) We Respond to God “First Loved Us”

1 John 4:16-19 We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ By this, love is perfected with us, so [that we may have confidence in the day of judgment](#); because as He is, so also are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.

So Let's Understand The Love of God – If You Listen, There is a [Taste of Heaven](#) in this Scripture too.

1 John 3:1-3 See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. [We know that when He appears, we will be like Him,](#) because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

The Greatest Love is Not Self-Centered

John 15:12-14 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. ¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ "**You are My friends if you do what I command you.**

Jesus Called Us His Friends – Living a Life of Love is Our Joyful Privilege – He Chose Us.

John 15:15-17 "... I have called you friends, ... I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain... ¹⁷ "This I command you, that you love one another.

We will never find our way through the challenges of “Love one another as I have Loved You” based on our own fallen, broken reasoning and warm intentions – It is “nigh unto” impossible w/o Jesus.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

Hebrews 11:6 “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

I Really Enjoy When Love is Easy and Fun – But, If We Follow Jesus, It’s Not Always Fun or Easy

It Has Been Pointed Out to Me That Jesus Wasn’t Always “Nice.” But What Did He Command Us?

There is No Command to Cast Out Money Changers, No Command to Assert That We Are Greater than Abraham, or to Rebuke Blind Pharisees [All Things that Jesus Did]

He Commanded Us to Love as He Loves

Jesus Commanded Us to Repent, Believe, and Share Our Faith with Unbelievers

Jesus Commanded Us to Be Humble and Have Our Character and Behavior Like His

He Commanded Us to Be Willing to Suffer for the Sake of Righteousness

Matthew 5:10-12 "Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness..."

He Commanded Us to Watch and Endure Till the End

Matthew 24:12-13 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved."

And, Brothers and Sisters, That Has to Be our Hope as We Live and Love

Hebrews 6:10-11 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

“God, in His righteousness and justice, honors those who remain steadfast in their faith and obedience to His commandments.”[Topical Bible]

We Live: Uncomplicated and Strong, But Not Easy – We give according to what God has given us.

1 John 3:1 “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God...” (KJV)