



“GOD’S LOVE ON DISPLAY” – Ephesians 3:10-21

I. INTRODUCTION: THE PERFECTING OF GOD’S BRIDE

- A. Perfect in love (I Jn. 4:17)
- B. Perfect in _____ His love (2 Cor. 3:18; I Jn. 3:18)

II. INSTRUCTION: GOD’S LOVE ENGRAFTED (Eph. 3)

- A. Context: dispensation of grace (v2, 8)...Eph. 2:8-10; I Cor. 15:10
- B. Content: the loving fellowship of God’s family is to be _____ (v9-21; I Jn. 3:10)
 - 1. Intimacy that is eternally reflected by the relationship of God and Jesus (v9)
 - 2. The eternal supreme purpose of God’s church is to _____ His loving wisdom and character from earth all the way to the angels in heaven (v10-11)...
 - a. The power of God is seen in creation (Ro. 1:20; Ps. 19:1ff)
 - b. The wrath of God is seen at Mt. Sinai (_____)
 - c. The love of God is seen at Calvary’s cross (grace)
 - d. Word picture...in the classroom of God’s universe, He is the Teacher, angels are students, the church is the illustration, and the subject matter is the manifold wisdom of God (v10)
 - i. Where _____ are saved by receiving and believing truth (Jn. 1:11-12; 3:16)
 - ii. Whereas angels in heaven rejoice over saved souls (Lk. 15:10)
 - (i) Reject God’s grace, you are under His law (Ro. 3:23)
 - (ii) Reject God’s love, you choose to face His wrath (Ro. 6:23)
 - 3. The church must have _____ in fulfilling its purpose to reach the world in love (v12)
 - a. Gained by _____ access to His loving throne (Heb. 4:16)
 - b. Gained by growing in grace through faith (Ro. 1:17; 2 Peter 3:18)
 - c. Gained by growing in His contagious love (I Jn. 4:17)
 - 4. The church’s growth is reflected by the way saints handle trials (v13)
 - a. Our trials should glorify God (Mt. 5:16)
 - b. Cf. Joseph (Gen. 50:20); Job; Acts



5. Love prays constantly for those loved (v14-15)
 - a. Prayer helps _____ our purposes in life (Mt. 6:33; Jn. 17:4)
 - b. “For this cause”...we have a mission to fulfill (Mt. 28:18-20)...v14
 - c. Vision helps us to understand the church is a growing family (v15)
 - i. As we _____ (Acts 1:8)
 - ii. As we make disciples (2 Tim. 2; Titus 2)

6. Love prays for strength in the inner man (v16)
 - a. Paul’s 1st prayer was for the church to _____ their power (1:15-23)
 - i. Enlightenment to enable calling (1:18a)...daily (2 Cor. 4:16)
 - ii. Enablement to use riches of grace of our birthrights (1:18b; Romans 8)
 - iii. Enjoying His mighty power through _____ service (v19-23)
 - (i) That His fullness would fill us daily (v23; Eph. 5:18; 2 Peter 1:3)
 - (ii) That we would enjoy _____ delightfully (Ps. 40:8; Jn. 15:11)
 - b. Paul’s 2nd prayer is for the church to _____ their power (3:14-21)
 - i. Knowing the nearer we come to God (Jas. 4:8; 2 Thes. 3:5)...
 - ii. ...the farther we go from sin (Ro. 6:11) as we prove our love for Jesus
 - iii. ...as the presence of sin is ALWAYS due to the absence of love (Ro. 5:5)
 - (i) Sin and God are _____...
 - (ii) God is love...so love and sin are enemies
 - (iii) So the loveless life is an ungodly life...reflecting a _____ heart condition

7. Powerful hearts deeply rooted and grounded in His holy internal, eternal love (v17)
 - a. Daily coming to the Holy of Holies (Ps. 91:1)
 - b. Daily being constrained by love (Jn. 13:34-35; 2 Cor. 5:14)
 - c. Daily enlivened by holy hope overflowing our hearts (Ro. 5:5; I Peter 1:22)
 - d. Daily obedient driven by passion to please our loving gracious God (Jn.14:23)

8. To comprehend in lifestyle the incredible perfect power of God’s intimate love (v18-19)
 - a. Experiential love...faith-builders of remembrance (I Sam. 12:23-24)



- b. Enabling love that fills the saint to all the fullness of God (1:23; 3:19; Mt. 5:8)
 - i. Fullness in _____ (Ps.95:6-7)...hungry to hear His voice (Jn. 3:29-30)
 - ii. Fullness of _____ (Prov.2 9:18)...focused on a specific ministry (Heb. 12:1-2)
 - iii. Fullness of _____ (Phil. 3:10)...knowing suffering is inevitable (Ro. 8 :17-18)
 - iv. Fullness of _____ (I Cor. 10:31)...to hear "well done" (Mt. 25:23)

- 9. Experiencing supernatural answers to prayer (v20)
 - a. Because of the power within that daily moves us to pray biblically
 - b. Because God gets _____ the glory when He answers prayer EXCEEDING abundantly above and beyond ALL we asked...
 - i. When's the last time God did something in your life you cannot explain?
 - ii. Where's He intersecting your life OBVIOUSLY because you LOVE Him so?
 - iii. Do you _____ God "is able to do" (v20) this for you as you pray effectively?!

- 10. ALL this grace deserves a HEARTY Amen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (v21)
 - a. And it's this grace of wisdom through love that gives us the riches of wealth (v16)
 - i. To _____ worthy as God's people in service to the church (4:1-3)
 - ii. To walk worthy as married partners to serve each other in love (5:1-33)
 - iii. To walk worthy as parents nurturing our children in His loving admonitions
 - (i) To honor parents as God given authority over them (6:2)...attitudes
 - (ii) To obey parents as this is _____ (righteous)...actions (6:1)
 - (iii) To enjoy a long love under His loving protection (6:3)
 - (iv) To have fathers who _____ their homes in His love (6:4)