

First Baptist Poinciana
Teaching Series

1 Peter

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“Love Prevails” - 1 Peter 3:8-12

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another - John 13:34

1. We use the word _____ in many different ways, all meaning something completely different.
2. Love covers a _____ of wrong doing (sins) (1 Peter 4:8)
3. Jesus is our greatest _____ of love. (Romans 5:8)
4. Loving others has no prerequisite. Loving others is not a choice, and loving others is not optional – it is a _____ (John 13:34)

So we must love:

1. The _____ (to some)
2. The _____
3. The _____
4. The _____
5. The _____

The Bible is clear – we do not get to pick and choose – we are to love all people, at all times...even when it's difficult.

As believers in Christ we **CAN** disagree with a person's life choices and still love them – the fact is – this alone may lead them to Christ. Hate has **never** won a single person to Christ.

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1. What's Love Got to Do with It? - Everything!

1 Peter 3:8-9

1. We see the personality criteria for those _____ to be followers of Christ.

- Like-Minded
- Sympathetic
- Love One Another
- Compassionate
- Not Quick Tempered
- We are to GIVE a blessing – Be a Blessing.

Where do **you** fall on the spectrum of 1 Peter 3:8-9 (Check One)

___ I could do better.

___ I am right on target.

___ Pastor needs to mind his business (this is just for a laugh)

2. We must, as followers of Christ, impact our world with the same love that Christ has shown to us – we are to be the _____ of Christ's love on earth.

3. vs 9 – As we become a blessing to others, you set _____ up to be blessed.

Homework:

What are ways that you have been a blessing to others?

How have others blessed you?

2. The Church Matters – Inside & Out

1. Too many church congregations are characterized by _____ and _____ that are shameful. This is NOT what God has called us to. We are not a club, not a business, not a social gathering, not a place to flex opinion, not the place to get the latest gossip, not the place to see who's wearing what.

We are the church of God – called to pursue holiness | Amos 5:14
We must be about the King's business – we ain't got time to waste.
We must put on the Whole Armor of God and Head in to battle
We are living in the last days and it's time the church of God take seriously our:

Worship – Together (Hebrews 10:25) it's time to get back!

Holiness – Living a life that pleases God (Amos 5:14)

Witnessing – Sharing the Saving Good News to everyone.

Prayer – God moves when His people call on Him.

If we really believe that Jesus is coming again – we need our actions to match our words, faith, and belief.

2. Jesus told his followers that the world would know they are His disciples if they _____ each other. (3:8) *Can the world look at you and know that you are a follower of Christ?*

3. The church is like an _____ in a foreign land. It is where the rules and ethics of eternity (heaven) operate within our world and within history. The church of God cannot and will not be stopped.

Life Questions:

What Does "Church" Mean to You?

How are you Serving Your Church?

What are you doing to help your church grow, prosper, and reach others?

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3. The Pathway to Real Love – Jesus.

1. Watch your _____.
2. _____ from evil, and do what is good. (repent)
3. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their _____ – God hears you. Do Not Stop Praying.
4. God will not tolerate _____, His face is against those that do what is evil. (vs.12)

Make the biggest change you will ever make in your life and turn to Christ and find real love.

God showed His great LOVE for us, that while we were still SINNERS Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Already accepted Christ as your savior? Maybe it's time for an internal evaluation – Would the world know that you are a follower of Christ based on today's message?

The Pathway to True Love:

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9

Romans 5:1

Romans 8:1

Did you make a decision today? Please share with us by completing a connect card – located in the pew holder in front of you. Please share prayer requests on the same card. You Are Loved Here!