

"Love that Reaches Out"

My recipe for freedom: faith, hope and love

Gather the ingredients: the essentials

Follow the directions: the order

Remember the purpose: the person

When love becomes my source of misery:

When love is used to express approval

When love is used to control

When love is used to gain acceptance

Getting first things first:

Laying the foundation of faith:
Giving them all into God's love

Depending on the security of hope:
Knowing the certainty of God's love

Expressing the joy of love:
Being the presence of God's love

Set free to a love that reaches out:

I am free from the need to place conditions

I am free from the need to fix

I am free from the need to be accepted

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Romans 12:9-13

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Eph 5:1-2

5:1 Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1 John 4:16-21

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. 21 And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Sermon Notes

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Ephesians 5:1-2

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