



Power From on High

Series: Power From On High
Title: Love For The Church
Lesson: 102

Text: Acts 20:1-7a
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Paul's letters are filled with statements of love.

Philippians 1:3–7 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all, 5 in view of your participation in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers of grace with me.

1 Thessalonians 2:8–9 Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.

Four virtues that demonstrate love for the church.

1. Love through _____.

Acts 20:1 After the uproar had ceased, Paul sent for the disciples, and when he had exhorted them and taken his leave of them, he left to go to Macedonia.

“exhorted” [parakaleō]

1 Thessalonians 2:7 But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children.

“gentle”

“nursing mother”

11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children,

“as a father”

Truth without love is brutality, but love without truth is sentimentality.

John 21:15–17 So when they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, **“Tend (feed) My lambs.”** 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, **“Shepherd My sheep.”** 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, **“Tend (feed) My sheep.**

2. Love through _____.

2 When he had gone through those districts and had given them much exhortation, he came to Greece.

“exhortation”

1 John 3:16–17 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

2 Corinthians 9:6–7 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

sows **sparingly** = will reap **sparingly**

sows **bountifully** = will reap **bountifully**

7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

“purposed” in your heart

“cheerful”

Not **“grudgingly”**

or under **“compulsion”**

3. Love through _____

3 And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.

4 And he was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus, and by Aristarchus and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia.

5 But these had gone on ahead and were waiting for us at Troas. 6 We sailed from Philippi after the days of Unleavened Bread, and came to them at Troas within five days; and there we stayed seven days.

“We”

4. Love through _____

7 On the first day of the week, when we were **gathered together** to break bread, Paul **began talking to them**, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

11 When he had gone back up and had **broken the bread and eaten, he talked with them a long while until daybreak**, and then left.

How do satellite churches apply Heb.13:17?

Hebrews 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they **keep watch over your souls** as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.

7 **On the first day of the week**, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to leave the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight.

John 20:19 So when it was evening on that day, **the first day of the week**, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

26 After eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

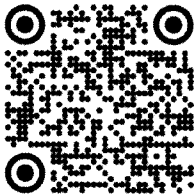
Discussion Guide

Why do so many believers not demonstrate love for the church the way Paul did?

If we should have to go to two services in the future, based on what we learned today from verse 7, should we hold Saturday night services?

Why is giving so important and what does the NT tell us to do and what warnings do we get?

What was the most important point made in today's sermon and why is it so important?



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ANSWERS: exhortation, service, sparingly, perseverance, fellowship