

CHRIST FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

THE LIFE OF LOVE

Living in the Greatest Commandment

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES | FOUR-WEEK TEACHING GUIDE

Prepared for ministry teaching and discipleship

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SERMON SERIES CONTENT

A complete four-week CFC teaching resource for preaching, Bible study, discipleship and ministry development.

THE LIFE OF LOVE Monthly Sermon Series Theme Scripture

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." - Holy Bible

MONTHLY SERMON SERIES OVERVIEW Week 1 - Understanding the Love of God Week

2 - Loving God Wholeheartedly Week 3 - Loving Others as Christ Loved Us Week 4 - Living a Lifestyle of Love Daily*

WEEK 1 - UNDERSTANDING THE LOVE OF GOD Main Scripture

"We love Him because He first loved us." - Holy Bible

Introduction

Love is not merely an emotion. Biblical love is the very nature and character of God. Before we can live a life of love, we must first understand that God Himself is love.

The world defines love through feelings, attraction, and benefits. But the Kingdom of God defines love through sacrifice, commitment, mercy, forgiveness, and truth.

Many believers struggle to love others because they have never fully received and understood God's love for themselves.

1. GOD IS LOVE Scripture

"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." - Holy Bible

God does not merely have love; He IS love. Every action of God flows from love.

- Creation was motivated by love
- Salvation was motivated by love
- Forgiveness was motivated by love
- Discipline is motivated by love

Example

A father disciplines his child not because he hates him, but because he loves him and desires his future to be secure.

Likewise, God corrects us because He loves us. Scripture

"For whom the Lord loves He chastens." - Holy Bible

2. THE GREATEST DISPLAY OF LOVE - THE CROSS Scripture

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..." - Holy Bible

Love gives. Love sacrifices. Love suffers for others.

Jesus demonstrated true love through the Cross. Example

Someone may say, "I love you," but true love is revealed through action and sacrifice.

Jesus did not only speak love; He demonstrated it through His suffering. Scripture

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Holy Bible

3. NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM GOD'S LOVE Scripture

Holy Bible teaches that neither death nor life nor any power can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Believers often think God stops loving them when they fail. But God's love remains constant. Example

Like the prodigal son in Holy Bible, the father still loved his son despite his rebellion.

God's love restores broken people.

Application

- Receive God's love personally
- Stop living with condemnation
- Trust God's heart toward you
- Allow His love to heal your wounds

WEEK 2 - LOVING GOD WHOLEHEARTEDLY Main Scripture

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Holy Bible

Introduction

The Christian life begins with loving God. Christianity is not merely rules and rituals; it is a relationship of love with God.

Many people serve God out of fear, tradition, or obligation. But God desires passionate love from His children.

1. LOVE FOR GOD REQUIRES TOTAL COMMITMENT

God does not want part of our hearts. Scripture

"You shall have no other gods before Me." - Holy Bible

Anything that becomes more important than God becomes an idol. Examples of modern idols

- Money
- Fame
- Relationships
- Entertainment
- Career
- Social status

2. OBEDIENCE IS EVIDENCE OF LOVE Scripture

"If you love Me, keep My commandments." - Holy Bible

Love is proven through obedience. Example

A faithful husband remains loyal not merely because of rules but because of love for his wife.

Likewise, believers obey Christ because they love Him.

3. SEEKING GOD DAILY Scripture

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." - Holy Bible

Loving God involves:

Prayer

- Worship
- Reading Scripture
- Fellowship
- Holiness

Example

Relationships grow through communication and time spent together.

Your relationship with God deepens through daily fellowship.

Application

- Prioritize time with God
- Remove distractions from spiritual growth
- Worship passionately
- Obey God even when difficult

WEEK 3 - LOVING OTHERS AS CHRIST LOVED US Main Scripture

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you." - Holy Bible

Introduction

One of the greatest evidences of spiritual maturity is how we treat people.

It is easy to love kind people. But Kingdom love extends even to difficult people.

1. LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND Scripture

Holy Bible describes love as patient, kind, humble, forgiving, and truthful.

True love:

- Does not envy
- Does not boast
- Does not keep records of wrongs
- Rejoices in truth

2. LOVING YOUR ENEMIES Scripture

"Love your enemies, bless those who curse you..." - Holy Bible

This is one of the hardest teachings of Jesus. Example

Jesus forgave those crucifying Him.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." - Holy Bible

Stephen also prayed for his killers before dying. Scripture

Holy Bible

3. LOVE THROUGH ACTIONS Scripture

"Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." - Holy Bible

Love must be practical. Practical acts of love

- Feeding the hungry
- Encouraging the discouraged
- Visiting the sick
- Supporting the needy
- Forgiving offenders
- Restoring the broken

Example

The Good Samaritan demonstrated love through action. Scripture

Holy Bible

Application

- Forgive quickly
- Speak kindly
- Help people practically
- Stop gossip and division
- Show compassion daily

WEEK 4 - LIVING A LIFESTYLE OF LOVE DAILY Main Scripture

"Above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." - Holy Bible

Introduction

Love is not an occasional act; it is a lifestyle.

The world is filled with hatred, division, violence, pride, and selfishness. God calls believers to shine through love.

1. LOVE BUILDS UNITY Scripture

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" - Holy Bible

Love unites families, churches, and communities.

Hatred destroys relationships, but love restores them. Example

A church filled with love becomes a place of healing and restoration.

2. LOVE COVERS OFFENSES Scripture

"Love covers all sins." - Holy Bible

This does not mean ignoring sin, but it means refusing bitterness and unforgiveness. Example

Joseph forgave his brothers who sold him into slavery. Scripture

Holy Bible

Instead of revenge, Joseph chose restoration.

3. THE WORLD WILL KNOW CHRIST THROUGH LOVE Scripture

"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." - Holy Bible

Love is the greatest evangelism tool.

People may reject sermons, but they cannot deny genuine love.

PRACTICAL DAILY WAYS TO LIVE IN LOVE

- Pray for others
- Encourage someone daily
- Forgive quickly
- Speak gently
- Give generously
- Avoid gossip
- Serve faithfully
- Be patient with people
- Restore broken relationships
- Walk in humility

CONCLUSION OF THE SERIES

The life of love is the life of Christ.

Love:

- Reflects God's nature
- Demonstrates spiritual maturity
- Heals relationships
- Wins souls
- Builds unity
- Reveals Jesus to the world

Without love:

- Gifts are empty
- Knowledge is incomplete
- Ministry loses power

Final Scripture

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal." - Holy Bible

ALTAR CALL / CLOSING PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, teach us to walk in love. Fill our hearts with the love of Christ. Help us forgive others, serve with humility, and reflect Your character daily. Remove hatred, bitterness, pride, and selfishness from our hearts. Let our lives become a testimony of Your love to the world. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE MONTH

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins.'" - Holy Bible