

“Hand-Me-Down Love”

Hand-Me-Down Devotion - Part 3

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Matthew 22:37-39 – “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and most important command. ³⁹And the second command is like the first: ‘Love your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

Galatians 5:6 (NLT - Emphasis added) – “For when we place our faith in Christ Jesus, there is no benefit in being circumcised or being uncircumcised. What is important is faith **EXPRESSING ITSELF IN LOVE.**”

1 Timothy 4:12 (Emphasis added) – “Set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in **LOVE**, in faith and in purity.”

FUNDAMENTALS OF LOVE

1. Love is the _____ of life.

A. Love _____ our faith.

John 13:34-35 – “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1 John 4:7-8 – “Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”

B. Love _____ our lives.

Colossians 3:14 (Emphasis added) - "And above all these put on love, which **BINDS EVERYTHING TOGETHER** in perfect harmony."

C. Love _____ for our sin.

1 Peter 4:8 - "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

God, motivated by His great love for us, concealed our sins through Christ.

1 John 4:10 - "This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins."

Galatians 3:26-27 - "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves** with Christ."

Love covers a multitude of sin because it stops a transgression before it can multiply.

2. The best time to love is _____ .

Proverbs 3:27-28 - "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. ²⁸ Do not say to your neighbor, "Come back tomorrow and I'll give it to you"— when you already have it with you."