

Title: The Gospel, Love & Authority (Part 1)

Passage: John 17

Series: Marks of a Health Church

Main Point - True love delights in and sacrificially works towards God's good for a person to glorify Him

Understanding the Passage

- Purpose of Salvation: Glory to God in the Father & Son (v1-5)
- God's Internal Relationship: Bringing Glory to Himself in Love (v1-5)
- Giving Glory is the Expression of Love (v24)
- God Brings Glory to Himself in Salvation Through Love (v6, 26)
 - The purpose of love is God's glory

Glory - *The giving of worth and honor and manifestation of greatness that belongs to God*
(Further reference: Jn. 14:31; 15:26; 16:14)

Sermon Points

1. God's Love is Multifaceted
 - God's love for Himself as Father & Son (Jn. 3:35; 14:31; Mt. 3:17)
 - God's general love for the world (Mt. 5:43-45)
 - God's love in Jesus to save humanity from sin (Rom 5:8; 1 Jn 4:10; Jn 3:16-17)
 - God's unique love toward His chosen people who believe (Eph 1:4; Rom 9:11-13, Dt. 7:7-8)
 - God's conditional love toward his people based on obedience (Jn 15:10)
2. God's Love is Conditioned on who He is
 - Jn 15:10; Mt. 3:15-17; Heb. 1:8-9; Ps. 45:7

Application

- Our love for others is conditioned on who God is (Ps 16:2-3; Jn 13:34-35)
- Our love works for the purpose of bringing people to glorify God
- Our love protects the object of our love: God's glory
 - Love requires commands, laws and judgements (Jn. 14:15; Jn 3:16-18)