

SERMON TITLE:

***“Love a Many
Splendid Thing”***

TEXT(s):

**I Corinthians 13:1-13;
Ephesians 5:25-29;**

**SERMONIC
POINTS**

Cultural Defntn.

Biblical Defntn.

Biblical Applctn.

SERMONIC PT.#1:

**CULTURAL
DEFINITION
OF “LOVE”**

(English & Greek)

SERMONIC PT.#1:

Eros (*sensual/romantic*)

Storge (*natural affection*)

Thelema (*desire*)

Philia (*friendship*)

Charitas (*unconditional*)

Agape (*sacrificial*)

SERMONIC PT.#1:

**Eros
Storge
Philia**

Charitas/Agape

SERMONIC PT.#1:

Eros

a passionate love with sensual
desire and longing; does not
have to be sexual in nature;
(Platonic)

“without physical attraction;”

SERMONIC PT.#1:

Storge

means "affection"
in modern Greek;
rarely used in Koine Greek
and usually relates to
familial relationships

SERMONIC PT.#1:

Philia

"friendship;"
a dispassionate, virtuous
love; loyalty to friends,
family and community;
equality and familiarity;

SERMONIC PT.#1:

Agape (Charitas)

*general affection vs. attraction;
self-sacrificial and unconditional
(given to both friend and foe);
John 3:16...13:34-35...15:12-17;
Matt. 22:39.... I John 4:7(8)-12*

SERMONIC PT.#1:

"THE FOUR LOVES"

**Clive Staples Lewis
(C. S. Lewis)**

*"Love begins to be a demon, the
moment it begins to be a god."*

SERMONIC PT.#2:

**PAULINE
DEFINITION
OF "LOVE"**

CONTEXT:

*Paul writes out of the
context of dealing with
spiritual gifts in Ch. 12.
"tongues...prophecy...
mysteries...knowledge"*

SCRIPTURE

*"LOVE suffers long
and is kind; LOVE does
not envy; LOVE does
not parade itself, is not
puffed up;"*

I Corinthians 13:4

SCRIPTURE

*"does not behave
rudely, does not seeks
its own, is not
provoked, thinks no
evil;"*

I Corinthians 13:5

SCRIPTURE

*"does not rejoice in
iniquity, but rejoices in
the truth;"*

I Corinthians 13:6

SCRIPTURE

*"bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things."*

I Corinthians 13:7

SCRIPTURE

*"LOVE never fails. But
whether there are
prophecies, they will fail;
whether there are tongues,
they will cease; whether
there is knowledge, it will
vanish away."*

I Corinthians 13:8

SCRIPTURE

*"For we know in part and
we prophesy in part. But
when that which is
perfect has come, then
that which is in part will
be done away."*

I Corinthians 13:9-10

SCRIPTURE

***"And now abide
faith, hope, LOVE,
these three; but the
greatest of these is
LOVE [c(h)aritas] ."
I Corinthians 13:13***

***Paul defines
PERFECT LOVE...a
love that only comes
from GOD, but for
which we must
strive!!!***

**SERMONIC PT.#3:
PAULINE
APPLICATION
OF "LOVE"**

**SERMONIC PT.#3:
Paul applies his
definition of love to
the institution of
(heterosexual)
marriage.**

SCRIPTURE

***"Husbands, love
your wives, just as
Christ also loved the
church and gave
Himself for it,"
Ephesians 5:25***

SCRIPTURE

***"that HE might
sanctify and cleanse
it with the washing
of water by the
word,"
Ephesians 5:26***

SCRIPTURE

"that HE might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without

blemish."

Ephesians 5:27

SCRIPTURE

"So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife

loves himself."

Ephesians 5:28

SCRIPTURE

"For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church."

Ephesians 5:29

CONCLUSION

LOVE is patient...

LOVE is forgiving...

LOVE is longsuffering

LOVE is selfless...

LOVE is GOD...

GOD is... **LOVE**