

GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

Volume 44b, No. 20, May 28, 2019 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST.***

To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

SACRED MARRIAGE— Until Death Causes Parting! (Part 5)

New Testament Christianity is far more than merely attending a church service once a week... if nothing else gets in the way.

The New Testament repeatedly calls us to TRUE CHURCH WORK!

WE MUST EACH embrace the call of God to function as VITAL, LIVING, and CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL ASSEMBLY TO WHICH GOD HAS JOINED US! OUR HOMES and the LOCAL CHURCH are living stage upon which we live out either GENUINE or FAKE Christianity!

WE MUST REMEMBER that JESUS proclaims that the lost world has a right to judge WHETHER OR NOT we are truly, genuine Disciples of JESUS by WHETHER or NOT we LOVE

By this shall all [men] know that you are My disciples, if you love one another [if you keep on showing love among yourselves]."
John 13:34-35, Amplified

(Part 5) THE LOVE TEST! 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

I. First Corinthians 13:4-8b —

“Love is patient; Love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful, nor conceited, nor rude; never selfish, not quick to take offense. Love keeps no score of wrongs; does not gloat over other men’s sins, but delights in the truth.

There is nothing love cannot face; there is no limit to its faith, its hope, and its endurance... Love will never come to an end...”
(NEB)

“Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out.

Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance... love will last forever!”
(NLT)

“Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly.

Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and

everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. (Amp Bible)

II. As I read this Scripture passage, my first thought was (circle one!):

- a. "I wish my husband (my wife) would read this!"
- b. "Who does he think I am?"
- c. "I'll never make it!"
- d. "Wow!"
- e. "This is impossible!" f. "If I could only be this way!"

III. Considering the Scripture DEFINITION of love, if I were to rank myself on a scale of between 1-10, I would do so as follows —

(With 1 - being very weak; and 10 - being very strong) —

1. LOVE IS PATIENT: I am slow to get angry with those I love; I never holler at or lose my temper with the children, or my spouse, or 'lose my temper' with those with whom I work!

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2. LOVE IS KIND: I am thoughtful and considerate of those closest to me; generous in my praise to others; extravagant with giving my time to others; most always on the lookout for ways to 'build up' the others in my family, friends, church, etc.

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3. LOVE ENVIES NO ONE: I am not jealous when others get promoted ahead of me; nor am I threatened by their gifts or accomplishments. I do not sit back and pout or pick flaws when I am set aside, or go unnoticed, or unappreciated.

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4. LOVE IS NEVER BOASTFUL: I do not hog the conversation, bragging about my gifts and accomplishments; nor do I exaggerate the facts so as to leave a better impression than is absolutely true. When others fall, I remind myself that had I been in their shoes, I would have fallen worse than they did!

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5. LOVE IS NOT CONCEITED: I do not harbor an inflated view of my own importance, or have to be coaxed, honored, or pampered so as to be willing to do my part; I do not twist the conversation around to my own interests so as to draw attention to myself. I do not point out the sins of others, instead of confessing and dealing with my own!

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6. LOVE IS NOT RUDE: I am not cruel, nasty, crude, cutting, sarcastic, or cocky; but instead I seek to be polite, well-mannered, courteous, and gracious with family, friends,

neighbors, and co-workers... especially when or if any of these have failed me.

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7. LOVE IS NOT SELFISH: I am not self-centered or self-seeking— making others fit into my mold or laying expectations on others for my own interests; I am not possessive of those I love, insisting on my own way, or my own rights.

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8. LOVE DOES NOT TAKE OFFENSE: I am not touchy, cranky, defensive, brittle, or super-sensitive; I am not easily hurt at any slightest little thing, or offended by an oversight by my spouse, other family members, friends or associates. In all of these points of love, I am guided by the way in which Jesus has compassionately dealt with my own failures!

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9. LOVE KEEPS NO SCORE OF WRONGS: I am quick to forgive those who have wronged or harmed me; I do not remind my offender in any way of the forgiven past. I do not hold the forgiven past against my offender. I have chosen to forgive my offenders in the same manner as Jesus has forgiven me. I do not retaliate or become defensive when criticized by my spouse, boss, friend, or work associate.

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10. LOVE DOES NOT GLOAT OVER OTHER MEN'S WRONGS:

I do not secretly rejoice when others make a mistake, or when they are accused, or proven wrong; I don't take pleasure in reminding others of their faults, or by saying, 'I told you so!'... or by using past faults as a weapon against them... or by telling others about those who have sinned against me.

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11. LOVE DELIGHTS IN THE TRUTH: I am glad when right and justice prevail no matter who gets the credit; I am strong in my own convictions while still leaving room for my own human error and room for honest differences when good men disagree over what is, in fact, the truth on an issue.

I give supreme value to the Word of God as the ultimate plumb-line of truth which the Holy Spirit breathed out, has preserved and continues to reveal to humble hearts. Therefore, I delight in the truth by submitting to it, even over the clamor of the crowds or my screaming selfish heart!

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12. LOVE CONTINUES TO HOPE AND NEVER QUILTS: Being amazed that Jesus loves me and has been patient with me, I always believe that the fallen can be restored! Therefore, I chose to be a channel for the sacrificial, forgiving, unconditional and unending love of Jesus—especially for the unlovable, the undeserving and the unresponsive. I chose to honor my vows to my spouse, to keep on loving no matter what— **'until death do us part!'**

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IV. After taking this inventory, I feel like (circle one):

- a. Crawling into a hole!
- b. Giving up!
- c. Trying harder!
- d. Starting all over again!
- e. Crying for help!
- f. **Shouting! I have not arrived! HOWEVER, I am experiencing GRACE for the high calling of love!** I have a passion to be a channel for God's love for I am being taught of God to love more and more! (1 Thess. 4:9-10); and I choose to heed the call to Keep myself in the love of God! (Jude 21)
- g. **Repenting** of my lovelessness, Receiving God's forgiveness and Going to the Throne of Grace to FIND DIVINE HELP!

V. For the next 30 days, as a FAITH COMMITMENT—

I will read 1 Corinthians 13: 1-7 DAILY; and I will consciously seek to do and to manifest unselfish acts, deeds, attitudes and/or words toward family, friends, co-workers and fellow saints as acts of genuine worship to JESUS, (circle one):

- a. Yes!
- b. No!
- c. I'll try

VI. Good news for saints in Christ: This miracle-LOVE is already **IN YOU** by the indwelling Holy Spirit! Let us stop grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit! Let us be being continuously filled with the Holy Spirit! - **Romans 5:1-10; Galatians 5:19-26; Ephesians 5:17-21; Colossians 3:11-17**

Great Grace to All! James Bell / www.southsidegallatin.org

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. Meet at the front door at **5:15PM**.

WEDNESDAYS: → **6:30pm— Wednesday CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE** → Enter via **IRON STEPS, side door**.

WEDNESDAYS: → **6:30pm— Youth** Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors.

WEDNESDAYS: → **6:30pm— Young Family Prayer Time!** THIS IS a time of Bible study and prayer geared toward **families with children in the nursery and pre-K class**.

***** LADIES BIBLE STUDY— DIFFERENT SCHEDULE FOR JUNE: WILL MEET ON JUNE 4 and JUNE 18, 2019 @ 11:00am; Continuing in LUKE.** ENTER at the back of the church building, [*Doors **open** at 10:30am... re-locked at 11:10am*]

***** MEN's Fellowship/Bible Study:** EVERY SATURDAY @ **8:00am:** (**STUDY: THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN!**) ENTER AT THE back of Church building... under the drive-thru awning. [**DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts at 7:30am!**]

SUNDAY SERVICES, JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

9:30am— Sunday School Classes for All Ages

10:45am— Sunday Morning Worship Service

SPECIAL EVENTS ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS:

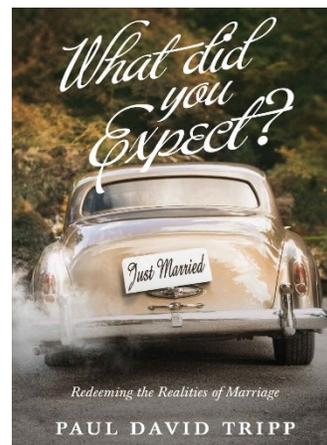
*** JUNE 2 — 9:30am Sunday School... EXCEPT for Nursery and Bethany Troutt's class... MEET IN AUDITORIUM with Missionaries Jon and Clair Rulison — Covered Dish Fellowship Meal, NOON**

**** JUNE 9 — FAITHFUL MEN, 5:30PM... (1689 Confession of Faith)**

***** JUNE 16 — LORD'S SUPPER, at the end of the Morning Worship // HOME GROUPS... some at 5pm**

****** JUNE 23 — 6:00pm - 7:00pm, Church-wide EQUIPPING DISCIPLES by developing Christ-honoring Marriages:**

Paul David Tripp's 'WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? (Redeeming the Realities of Marriage)



******* JUNE 30 – AN EVENING OF SCRIPTURE and PRAISE @ 6PM**
(Would you like to sing or share Scripture— see Adam Troutt!)



SOUTHSIDE DAY CAMP

JUNE 26-28 / 9:30am - 12:30pm

There will be **no cost** for this camp. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Age Groups:

Ages 0-4 - This class will be taught by Rhiannon Allen and will last from 9:30 - 12:30. This age group is welcome to stay for the afternoon activities, but a parent must pick them up at 12:30 and stay with them for the rest of the day.

Ages 5-8 - This class will be taught by Bethany Troutt and will last from 9:30 - 12:30. This age group is welcome to stay for the afternoon activities, but a parent must pick them up at 12:30 and stay with them for the rest of the day or other arrangements for a responsible adult must be made.

Ages 9-18 - This class will be taught by Jaden Allen and will last from 9:30 - 12:30, followed by a craft time and an activity time ending at 3 pm.

FOR MORE INFO and/or TO REGISTER—

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