

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Lighthouse Coming Together  
Theme : Being Joined Together, Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia  
the Love of Christ  
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon / Online Live Streaming  
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**TITLE : KNOWING, COMPREHENDING THE ESSENTIAL LOVE OF CHRIST**  
Text/s :

Eph 3:16-21

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17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

1 Cor 16:22

22 If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.

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Bible Reading :

Song/s :

- Such Love

- My Jesus I Love Thee

- I Love You Lord More Each Day

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

1 Peter 1:7-8

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

KJV

1 Cor 10:13

13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

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We presented the following questions in our ALAMIN last night:

- In which ministry / ministries is the love of Christ seen in us?

- How can we help establish more of our people in the love of Christ?

We understand that in the faithfulness of God, He does not “suffer us to be tempted above that we are able; but will with the temptation, **also make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear the temptation.**”

So we have a way to escape and we can bear every temptation! This is what the Lord actually tells us in this passage.

And we know that it is through the Ekklesia ---

- 1) that God provides a way to escape for His people; and
- 2) that God makes His people to bear every temptation.

And in our study, it is clear that the Ekklesia which the Lord Jesus established Himself, is, in fact, the institution that “provides a way of escape” from temptations “that we may be able to bear the temptations.”

All of us bear a lot of things. And notice how the word of the word of truth teaches us to bear burdens with others.

Galatians 6:2 (KJV) Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Romans 15:1-2 (KJV)

- 1 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- 2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

We also now that the way to bear each burden is through the ministry.

1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As every man hath received the gift, **even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.**

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; **if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

KJV

Heb 6:10

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, **which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

KJV

Gal 5:6

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**

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Gal 5:13

13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another.**

KJV

1 Thess 1:3

**3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love,** and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

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1 John 3:17-18

17 But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

18 My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**  
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2 Cor 9:8-10

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10 Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

KJV

As we minister, the love of Christ in us and our love for Him is manifested and perfected.

We find that the way to escape temptation and to bear them is for each one in the Ekklesia to have the love of Christ. Such love is the thing that makes us to minister.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 13 (KJV)

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

And we know that the use of “charity” or love in this passage refers to its use in the ministry. Chapters 11 to 14 of 1 Corinthians talk about the ministry.

What 1 Cor 13 says is in all things we do, we need the love of Christ - the love of Christ in us, and us being settled and grounded on such love.

Ephesians 3:17-21 (KJV)

17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

As we are rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, we should endeavor to have everyone in Lighthouse BBC “comprehend” this love of Christ - with all saints. Everyone, from the you to the old should be able to comprehend and know the love of Christ... the love that exceeds all kinds of knowledge on earth. This is the way to have the fulness of God.

## **BODY**

The greatest thing therefore in the Ekklesia is the love of Christ which everyone should possess, comprehend, know

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23 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Is Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith? If He does,

- We will be rooted and grounded in love
- We will be able to comprehend with all saints the breadth, length, depth and height of such love
- We will know and value His love that surpasses all other kinds of knowledge

Our settlement in this love will make us to be filled with all the fulness of God!

Eph 1:23

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

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John 1:16

16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

KJV

Col 2:9-10

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

KJV

1 John 4:9-12

9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.

10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.

12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

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1 John 3:16-18

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

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James 2:15-18

15 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food,

16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?

17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.

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The greatest knowledge then that we can ever have is the Christ and His love.

Phil 3:10

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

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Gal 2:20

20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

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Eph 5:2

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

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13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.

15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.

16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

19 We love him, because he first loved us.

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## CONCLUSION

John 14:21-31

21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

22 Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.

24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

31 But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

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1 Cor 16:14

14 Let all your things be done with charity.

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1 John 3:14-18

14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

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1 John 2:13-17

13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father.

14 I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him that is from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

KJV

1 John 3:1

3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

KJV

1 John 5:1-5

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him.

2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

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The love of God through Christ coming to us and dwelling in our hearts

Our being rooted and grounded in the love of God in Christ

Our being able to comprehend and know the love of Christ

Our realization that the love of Christ in us passes all knowledge

Our being filled with the fullness of God because of such love of Christ in us