

Title: Sermon 4-26-17

1 Peter 4:8

PURPOSE Part 2

Our Mutual Love: Verse 8

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“Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.”

“Show deep love..” in other translations says, “fervent”. The greek term (ektenes) means to stretch or strain with maximum effort.

Here, Peter is quoting the Proverbs. In Proverbs 10:12 it says, “Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up (covers) up for all offenses.”

Messy Baggage

Noah - Genesis 9:22-24

Gossip/Slander/Embarrassment

James 3:13-14 13 If you are wise and understand God’s ways, prove it by living an honorable life, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, don’t cover up the truth with boasting and lying.

Remember that envy and selfish ambition only adds to our messy baggage in life.

But being considerate and submissive helps us to love one another through each other’s messes.

James 4:16 For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. 18 And those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

James 4:1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don’t they come from the evil desires at war within you?

James 5:9 Don’t grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

Loving One Another

1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see?

1 John 4:21 And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers.

True LOVE is SACRIFICE

We make sacrifices for each other to show how much we love one another. Sometimes we have to lay our pride aside so that someone else can come to know Jesus better!

Sometimes we have to overlook other believer's issues and sin (BAGGAGE).

We are not the Holy Spirit.

Let Christ work in that person so HE can change them.

We have to love them through the process.