

1 John #12

Love & the World

Introduction

I – The Importance of Love

A – Essential – 1 Cor 13:1-3,13

B – God-taught – 1 Thess 4:9,10

C – God’s attitude regarding love’s importance – Rev 2:4

II – Misdirecting Love

A – Potential ways to Misdirect Love

1 – The Potential to love the World – 1 John 2:15

2 – The Potential to love the Age – 2 Tim 4:10

3 – The Wages of Unrighteousness – 2 Pet 2:15

B – The Dangers of loving the wrong thing

1 – The World is an enemy of God – James 4:4

2 – Its wisdom is not God’s wisdom – 1 Cor 1:20-28

3 – We can be taken captive – Col 2:8

C – The potential benefits of love are missed

1 – We are not subject to the world – Col 2:20

2 – The world’s peace is not God’s peace – John 14:27

III – The New Commandment

A – Given in the Upper Room

1 – John 13:34

2 – John 14:15

B – Its affect on Abiding

1 – John 15:10

2 – John 14:21,23

C – Repeated many times throughout the New Testament

IV – The Role of Love in the Christian Life

A – Essential

1 – Knowledge ineffective without love – 1 Cor 8:1

2 – Faith operates through love

a – Gal 5:6

b – Faith without works is dead – James 2:14-17

c – Love is to be in deed (work) and truth – 1 John 3:18

3 – The Body of Christ grows by love

a – Eph 4:16

b – Love is the bond of perfection – Col 3:14

4 – Rom 8:28

Conclusion