



**LIFE'S SUPREME VALUE
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
November 15, 2009**

“Let love be your greatest aim” (1 Corin. 14.1)

“In this life we have three lasting qualities: faith hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”
(1 Corinthians 13.13)

I. THE PRIORITY OF LOVE (1 Corinthians 13)

Without Love. . .

1. All That I Say Is Ineffective

“I may speak in different languages of people or even angels. But if I do not have love, I am a noisy bell or a crashing cymbal.” (verse 1 NCV)

2. All That I Believe Is Incomplete.

“If I have the gift of prophecy, and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge but have not love, I am nothing.” (verse 2a)

3. All That I Have Is Insufficient.

“. . . I may have faith so great I can move mountains. But even with this, if I do not have love, then I am Nothing.” (verse 2b)

4. All that I Give Is Insignificant.

“If I give away all my possessions. . . but do not have love, I gain nothing.” (verse 3a RSV)

5. All that I Accomplish Is Inadequate.

“. . . and if I were burned alive for preaching the gospel

but I didn't love others, it would be of no value whatsoever.” (verse 3b LB)

“The ONLY THING that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”
(Galatians 5.6 NIV)

II. THE PRACTICE OF LOVE

“Let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them and show it by our actions.” (1 John 3.18 LB)

• **Love is an ACTION**

• **Love is a CHOICE**

III. How to Really LOVE GOD & OTHERS

1. Real Love Serves.

“Serve one another in love” (Galatians 5.13)

2. Real Love Sustains.

“Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. Love never fails.” (1 Corinthians 13.7-8 JB Phillips)

3. Real Love Sacrifices.

“Live a life of love just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as a sweet offering and sacrifice to God.”
(Ephesians 5.2)

“. . . excel in the spirit of cheerful giving. . . This is one way to prove that your love is real, that it goes beyond mere words.” (2 Corinthians 8.7-8)

4. Real Love Shares.

“I have not kept this good news hidden in my heart, but have proclaimed your loving kindness and truth to all.”
(Psalm 40.10 LB)

“The love of Christ compels us because we know He died

for all. . .

(2 Corinthians 5.14)

ACT OF DEDICATION:

Take in your hand...

- **Unwritten Commitment to God** – Ongoing ministries
- **Written Pledge Card (Building Up-Reaching Out**
- ***Communication Card and Your Offering***

Walk down Center Aisle as ushers prompt your row

- **Place your gifts on The Lord's Table:** *"Thank You Lord"*

Return to your seat by the side aisle
