

LIVING BY LOVE OF CHRIST

Introduction Christ commands us to love God and others as He loved us in His debasing death on the cross.

Aim of the lesson: To love God the Father and His Son above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Memory Verse: "Now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love" (1 Cor 13:13).

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer

Read the Scripture references and put the following words in the correct headings: **Care; Command; Contentment; Consecration; Companionship; ~~Compassion~~; Contributions; Chastity; Conformity; Counsel; Changeless.**

THE WAY OF BELIEVERS – 13:1-9

Compassion – 13:1-3 (EXAMPLE)

Love the brethren: the local believers, the traveling believers [strangers] and the imprisoned believers.

C – 13:4

Love your spouse; be faithful in your marriage so it is kept honorable in the sight of God.

C – 13:5-6

Love God, not money, and you will be content with His supplies, because God is your helper.

C – 13:7

Love your former spiritual leaders, who taught you the Word, and make your life conform to theirs.

C – 13:8-9

Love the unchanging doctrine of Christ so you are not captivated by the changing doctrines of men.

THE WORSHIP OF BELIEVERS – 13:10-17

C – 13:10-14

Love for Christ will lead you to consecrate your life to bear His reproach and seek His eternal city.

C – 13:15-16

Love for Christ will prompt you to contribute the sacrifice of praise to God continually with thanksgiving.

Love for Christ will make you do good things to others and to contribute what you have with them.

C – 13:17

Love for Christ will cause you to submit to your spiritual leaders because they watch for the welfare of your soul. Obeying this command will please Christ and He will bless you.

THE WARMTH OF BELIEVERS – 13:18-25

C – 13:18-19

Love for fellow companions will lead the church to pray for the needs of its spiritual leaders.

C – 13:20-21

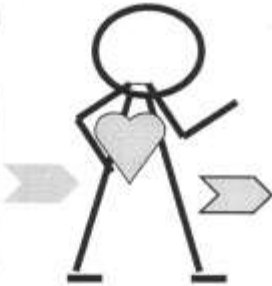
Love for believers will cause spiritual leaders to care for the welfare of the church.

C – 13:22-25

Love for believers will cause spiritual leaders to counsel and encourage (exhort) believers to remain true to Christ and not return to the practices and pleasures of the world.

FIVE MOVES AWAY FROM THE WORD OF GOD IN HEBREWS

God's Word



1. We drift from God's Word [2:1-4]

Appeal: Do not forget the blessings of God's salvation. Love Christ.

God's Word



2. We doubt God's Word [3:7-4:13]

Appeal: Do not forfeit the promises of God's rest. Rest in Christ.

God's Word



3. We deny God's Word [5:11-6:8]

Appeal: Do not fail to grow by God's grace. Grow in Christ

God's Word



4. We defy God's Word [10:26-31]

Appeal: Do not flout the vengeance of God's judgment. Obey Christ.

God's Word



5. We disown God's Word [12:18-29]

Appeal: Do not forsake the hope of God's promises. Trust Christ.