

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Timothy 1:5)

Paul is aiming at love. And one of the essential sources of this great effect is sincere faith. The reason faith is such a sure source of love is that faith in God's grace expels from the heart the sinful powers that hinder love.

If we feel *guilty*, we tend to wallow in self-centered depression and self-pity, unable to see, let alone care about, anyone else's need. Or we play the hypocrite to cover our guilt, and so destroy all sincerity in relationships, which makes real love impossible. Or we talk about other people's faults to minimize the guilt of our own, which love does not do. So, if we are going to love, the destructive effects of guilt must be overcome.

It's the same with *fear*. If we feel fearful, we tend not to approach a stranger at church who might need a word of welcome and encouragement. Or we may reject frontier missions as a vocation, because it sounds too dangerous. Or we may waste money on excessive insurance, or get swallowed up in all manner of little phobias that make us preoccupied with ourselves and blind us to the needs of others. All of which are the opposite of

love.

It's the same with *greed*. If we are *greedy*, we may spend money on luxuries — money that ought to go to the spread of the gospel. We don't undertake anything risky, lest our precious possessions and our financial future be jeopardized. We focus on things instead of people, or see people as resources for our material advantage. So love is ruined.

But faith in future grace produces love by pushing guilt and fear and greed out of the heart. It pushes out *guilt* because it holds fast to the hope that the death of Christ is sufficient to secure acquittal and righteousness now and forever (Hebrews 10:14).

It pushes out *fear* because it banks on the promise, "Fear not, for I am with you. . . . I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

And it pushes out *greed* because it is confident that Christ is greater wealth than all the world can offer (Matthew 13:44).

So when Paul says, "The aim of our charge is love that issues from . . . sincere faith," he is speaking of the tremendous power of faith to overcome all the obstacles to love. When we fight the fight of faith — the fight to believe the promises of God that kill guilt and fear and greed — we are fighting for love.

Events

TODAY Fellowship Picnic
7 PM

8/1 Small Groups 7:15 PM

8/2 7th-9th Bible Study
7 PM

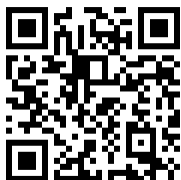
7/24-27 Family Conference

8/4 Emmanuel Church

Anniversary Picnic 4-8 PM

8/11 Senior Breakfast 9 AM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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MATTHEW 11:28

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Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Stephen Byrd

Opening Hymn

When All Thy Mercies

1. When all Thy mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.
Unnumbered comforts to my soul Thy tender care bestowed,
Before my infant heart conceived from Whom those comforts flowed.

(Chorus)

Through all eternity to Thee a joyful song I'll raise.

For oh, eternity's too short to utter all Thy praise!

2. When worn with sickness, oft hast Thou with health renewed my face.
And when in sins and sorrow sunk renewed my soul with grace.
Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy. **(Chorus)**

3. Through every period of my life Thy goodness I'll pursue,
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew. **(Chorus)**

To utter all Thy praise!

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Scripture Reading

John 8:31-47, page 894

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me. **(repeat)**

Text: Psalm 51: 10-12 Music: Keith Green

Preparatory

#27 Great is Thy Faithfulness

Sermon

Pastor Salvador Gomez

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Opening Hymn

#453 O the Deep, Deep Love

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-15, page 977

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon the cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.

But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.

But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom. (repeat)

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Preparatory

Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

2. Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

4. High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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Sermon

Pastor Michael Lopes