

SERMON NOTES: The Increase of Love
February 11th 2024 – Pastor Peter

John 21:15-17

“When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ ‘Yes, Lord,’ he said, ‘you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my lambs.’ Again Jesus said, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He answered, ‘Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Take care of my sheep.’ The third time He said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’”

1. Loving Jesus

John 5:6 “When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, He asked him, ‘Do you want to get well?’”

John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commands.”

2 John 6 “And this is love: that we walk in obedience to His commands. As you have heard from the beginning, His command is that you walk in love.”

Galatians 5:22,23 “But the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit.”

2 Peter 1:5-7 “So devote yourselves to lavishly supplementing your faith with goodness, and to goodness add understanding, and to understanding

add the strength of self-control, and to self-control add patient endurance, and to patient endurance add godliness, and to godliness add mercy toward your brothers and sisters, and to mercy toward others add unending love.”

2. Loving His People

John 13:34,35 “So I give you now a new commandment: Love each other just as much as I have loved you. For when you demonstrate the same love I have for you by loving one another, everyone will know that you’re My true followers.”

i. Honouring

Romans 12:10 “Try to outdo yourselves in respect and honour of one another.”

ii. Accepting

Romans 15:7 “Accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will
be given glory.”

iii. Forgiving

Colossians 3:13 “Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.”

3. Loving Others

Romans 3:23 "For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."

Luke 19:10 "The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost."

i. Passion for People

ii. Celebrate the Miracle