

Title: Christians Are Filled with Love

Text: Matthew 5:43-48

Introduction: The Greeks had four words for love. **Storge** described the love between children and parents. **Eros** described the love between husband and wife. **Philia** described the warm, tender affection that one friend had for another. **Agape**, the Greek word used in the New Testament to describe Christian love, is difficult to translate but is probably best translated “self-giving devotion and dedication to God and man.”

The first three words describe a love that comes naturally. Parents and children automatically love each other. A man and a woman are said to “fall in love” as if they have no control over this natural impulse. Close friends are naturally affectionate toward each other. However, Christian love is a love that turns the other cheek (Matthew 5:39) and goes the second mile, (Matthew 5:41), that forgets about our feelings and rights, and concentrates so much on giving that it forgets about getting.

Our Lord admonished us in our text to have this kind of love, to love our enemies who are really unlovable! He used the word love to describe how, as His followers, by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, we must seek the highest good of all people. So, as Christians, we have to truly love. An examination of Christian love would prove helpful. What do we need to learn? How are we to love our enemies? Jesus gave us four examples.

- I. We _____ for people who persecute us.

- II. We _____ as children of our Heavenly Father.

- III. We _____ more than others.

- IV. We _____ to be perfect as our Heavenly Father.

THANK YOU VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:13 NIV

First Baptist Church
Finding God in Life & Community OF ONEONTA

First Baptist Church exists to demonstrate the love of Christ in our community and our world through worship, evangelism, discipleship, missions, and ministry.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

**MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES
9:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.**

Praise and Worship

He Has Made Me Glad
Crown Him with Many Crowns
10,000 Reasons

Welcome.....Larry Gipson

Veterans Day Recognition.....Larry Gipson

Prayer.....Russell Williams

Message in Song.....Wanda Gipson
Saving Grace

MessageLarry Gipson

**Living As Christians
Christians Are Filled with Love
Matthew 5:43-48**

Time of Commitment

Jesus Is Lord of All

Closing.....Larry Gipson

Post Service Music.....Celebration Band
He Has Made Me Glad



THE SANCTUARY AND VESTIBULE FLOWERS
are in memory of Rick Jackson & Rhoda Pearl Robinson
placed by First Baptist Church.

SEARCH COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The following names will be on the Search Committee ballot for the
Minister of Students and Young Adults.

Bill Baker	Scott Isbell	Rick Renshaw
Melinda Bender	Melinda Marcum	Susan Sanderson
Apryl Casey	Miranda Marcum	Mark Towns
Sara Hester	Jimmy Register	Mary E. Towns

We will vote on Sunday, November 22, during the morning services.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Scripture for the week of **November 8-14**
Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 13-21

NURSERY WORKERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist in the nursery during the 10:30 service.
If you would like to love on the babies, call Deana at 205.821.4993.

CAKE/DESSERT AUCTION

We are having a cake/dessert auction on Sunday, November 22. If you
would like to provide a dessert, please place it on the tables outside
the church office by 8:00 a.m. and fill out an auction sheet. Bids may
be placed from 8:30-10:30. All proceeds will benefit
"Kids in Costa Rica."

BUDGET SCHEDULE

Presented to the Deacons today
Presented to Sunday School Classes on November 15
Time of Discussion on November 15 at **3:00 p.m.**
Vote without discussion on Sunday, November 22.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, November 15 at **3:00 p.m.** to discuss the
Budget, vote on By-Laws and elect Trustees.

DEACONS MEETING

Today at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall

**Our Response to God's Faithfulness
Our Tithes & Offerings**

Monthly Budget Needs.....\$61,367.26
Budget Receipts To Date in Nov.....\$14,580.94