

Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness

There is a need for three essentials in the human life: love, acceptance, and forgiveness.

The person who is loved, accepted, and forgiven is the person who walks with confidence.

If you want to make the world a better place, walk in those three areas.

LOVE

The word “Love” occurs 567 times in the bible. I think it’s important.

When you ask kids what love is, they will draw you a big heart.

When you ask teenagers what love is, they will say that “I always want to be with them and that I always think about them.”

When you ask an adult what love is, we say “by doing things for them, telling them, and showing them that you love them.”

1 John 4:7-21

Love is not just a feeling or an emotion; it’s a lifestyle of the one who lives in us.

Feelings and emotions come and go, but Christ and the love He put in us is established forever.

Love is not just a word; it has actions behind it.

If our world wants to be changed, then we need a dose of Christ and a Valentine’s Day every day.

Love protects, love guides, love provides, and love never stops giving and living in us.

There is no expiration date with love. It never expires.

Love never quits when things get tough, rough, and even messed up.

People are looking for three things in you that show value:

- Are you authentic/real?
- Are you compassionate and loving?
- Are you willing to sacrifice?

ACCEPTANCE

Romans 2:10-11

People find their way in life a lot of times by the people who accept them for who they are.

We all have a need to be accepted and loved. Because of that we do things that maybe we shouldn't.

James 2:1-4

Acceptance means looking beyond their looks, color of skin, and even their faults and failures.

We as a church need to learn the secret of acceptance because if we don't, the world will.

FORGIVENESS

God not only gave you forgiveness, but God gave you authority for your present and future to forgive.

Forgiveness is a gift that you give to yourself.

Forgiveness says I forgive, forget, and make things right again.

Forgiveness has no records of wrongs from the past and does not keep score to get even.

Forgiveness is a choice that we must make and a heart decision that we must take. I choose to forgive.

Matthew 6:9-14

Forgiveness is not just when you feel like it or when they deserve it; it is an everyday experience.

Who do you need to love, accept, and forgive?