

EPHESIANS



“The Sum of All Duty”
Ephesians 5:1&2



1 Thessalonians 1:6

⁶ You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

Hebrews 13:7

⁷ Remember those who led you,
who spoke the word of God to
you; and considering the result of
their conduct, imitate their faith.

III John 11



¹¹ Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God; the one who does evil has not seen God.



I Corinthians 11:1

11 Be imitators of me, just as I
also am of Christ.



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I. Mandate - Call to Godliness.



I Timothy 4:7b-8

On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness;
⁸ for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come.



I Timothy 6:3, 6

³ If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness,

⁶ But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment.



Titus 2:11&12

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, ¹² instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

II Peter 1:6

⁶ and in *your* knowledge, self-control, and in *your* self-control, perseverance, and in *your* perseverance, godliness,



Isaiah 40:18, 28

¹⁸ To whom then will you liken God?
Or what likeness will you compare with
Him?

²⁸ Do you not know? Have you not heard?
The Everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator
of the ends of the earth
Does not become weary or tired.
His understanding is inscrutable.



Jeremiah 9:23&24

²³ Thus says the LORD, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; ²⁴ but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

Noncommunicable Attributes

SELF-EXISTENT
SELF-SUFFICIENT
ETERNAL
OMNIPOTENT
OMNISCIENT
OMNIPRESENT



Communicable Attributes

GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
WISDOM
MERCY
PATIENCE
HOLINESS
LOVE

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II. Mark - Growing in Love.



I Corinthians 16:14

¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.



The greatest expression of love is not that it gives things or even that it gives up things, but that it gives of itself. So, why don't we give of ourselves for the good of others? Because we want ourselves for ourselves. Only God can set us free of this!

- J. Boice

John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotten
Son, that whoever believes in Him
shall not perish, but have eternal
life.

I John 4:10



¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Romans 5:8



⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

John 15:13



¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.



Throughout history it seems that the church has found it difficult to be loving. It is easier to be orthodox than to be loving, and easier to be active in church work than to be loving. Yet the supreme characteristic that God demands of His people is love.

- J. MacArthur



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III. Model – Cross of Christ.

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Volitional death.



John 10:17&18

¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. ¹⁸ No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father.

Philippians 2:5-8

⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

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Substitutionary death.



Isaiah 53:5

⁵ But He was pierced through for
our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being
fell upon Him,
And by His scourging we are
healed.



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Satisfactory death.



Hebrews 10:10

¹⁰ By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.



In this text the whole of the Old Testament idea of sacrifice and atonement was in Paul's mind. Christ is the true sacrifice toward which the OT system pointed. A fragrant aroma (sweet smelling savor) pictures the smoke offering as it ascended heavenward and was an apt symbol of the acceptability of the sacrifice with God. Thus Christ by His love sacrificed Himself for man's redemption, and this won the full approval of God. Men can never duplicate the atoning aspect of Christ's sacrifice, but they can and must follow after His example in demonstrating the love of God.

- H. Kent