

W O R D A T W O R K

VOLUME XXXII NUMBER X God's Layered Love III

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

Scripture: 1 John 4:8

A humanistic definition of love has crept into the church. Divine love is a very different concept! A prophetic friend, who asked for anonymity, sent me a recent Holy Spirit impartation he received. My spirit witnessed to truth and the Lord prompted me to share it with you.

"He who does not love does not know God, for God is love," 1 John 4:8

The love I am speaking about in the Bible book of 1 John is Divine Love. Divine Love does not come from the unredeemed, it comes from My SPIRIT who resides in those People who are truly born by My SPIRIT and who are part of the Family of GOD. My True Sons and Daughters are trained by My SPIRIT to love what I love and to hate what I hate.

My Love is a spiritual concept.

Spiritual Qualities cannot be discerned or defined by the human soul, containing the intellect, the emotions, the will and the personality of humans.

Ask Me to reveal to you all the misconceptions you have about My Love, so you are better able to walk in the Way of Understanding that leads to My life.

Many people do not understand My Love, and therefore the definition of My Love is misapplied. My Love cannot be defined in human terms. For example to say I love what is evil is a misrepresentation of My Divine Character.

Ask Me, the SPIRIT OF TRUTH, to define the Love of GOD. Allow Me to teach you, a sincere Seeker of My Truth, about My Love...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Scripture: 1 John 3:8

...Ask Me to teach you about many deceptions being taught falsely about My Love in contemporary "Christian" circles.

My Love is epitomized by the Gifts of My SON, My Word, and My SPIRIT. Those who hate My SON, My Word and My Spirit are outside of My Love.

I love righteousness.

I love justice.

I do not love what profanes My Name and destroys My People.

My Love selects and safeguards a People who will wear My Name with honor and who will do what I ask of them.

My Love compels Me to go to war. I war against all that is evil and unrighteous.

My Love always labors to destroy the works of the Devil and the Kingdom of Darkness.

My Love is refining a People who are willing to bear My Name. All those who refuse to embrace My Refining Fire are outside of My Love...

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Scripture: Romans 6:1-7

...People claim they can sin all they want and remain in My Love, because they say I am obligated to love them unconditionally. This is not true.

My Love has many conditions: the first and foremost is obedience to receive the Gifts of My Grace and My Creation, to be the person I created you to be.

My Love requires that My SON, JESUS CHRIST, be honored. Those who despise My SON are outside of My Love. Those who are outside of My Love are outside of My Life and outside of My Light of Truth.

My Love requires a submission to My Divine Laws and Divine Order. You cannot say I love the lawless, the disrespectful, the ungrateful, and the destroyers of what is good, righteous, and just. I fight against many people. I put My enemies under My Feet. If I am fighting against people, or putting an enemy of Mine under My Feet, how am I covering them with My Love?

People say that I must forgive, because I am a GOD OF LOVE. I do not forgive the unrepentant. I do not forgive those who willfully do evil. I do not forgive those who refuse to be honest with Me and with others their dishonesty hurts. (SIC)

I do not love haters of truth. It is a lie to say that the HOLY GOD, the GOD whose Name is LOVE loves everybody, that everyone is covered by My Love, and that I must extend grace to everyone because I am obligated to love them...

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4

Scripture: Galatians 5:9-12, 2 Peter 3:8-12

...My Love is completely focused. I give grace to repent, but when there is no repentance, and there is a continuing willful demonstration of evil and unrighteous behaviors; then My Love decides to cut these souls off from the Light of My Life.

My Love sets the boundaries to evil and to evil behavior.

My Love terminates the lives of wicked people around the earth every day.

My Love will destroy this earth and all the wickedness done in this earth.

My Love will ultimately create a New Heavens and a New Earth where Righteousness will dwell Forever.

My Love removes what defiles.

My Love disciplines and corrects.

My Love never enables evil.

This is not the humanistic view of the "love of God"...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5

Scripture: Colossians 1:5,6

...My Love is Holy.

My Love is Just.

My Love is Pure.

I mean what I say, and I say what I mean. My Love always speaks the Truth. My Love champions the Truth.

My Love is not manipulated.

My Love is based on covenant. Those who refuse to abide by My Terms of Covenant are outside of My Love.

My Love creates and destroys.

My Love does not tolerate the destruction of My Precious Children. Those who destroy My Children will receive the full extent of My Wrath. My Wrath is an expression of My Love.

My Love judges with Holy Fire.

My Love hates spiritual and natural adultery...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6

Scripture: Hebrews 10:31, 12:25-29

...My Love hates when families are destroyed by the willful evil of a parent. My Love hates those who willfully take advantage of others.

My Love rescues, comforts, heals and delivers and also judges, removes, separates and destroys.

The statement, "It is fearful thing to fall into the hands of the LIVING GOD." (Hebrews 10:31) is a definition of the fierceness of My Love.

My Love protects and provides for those who are Mine.

My Love cuts off those who delight to do the Devil's work.

My Love is defined by all that I AM - My Righteousness, My Holiness, My Mercy and My Justice.

My Love is Kind and Severe.

My Love is an All Consuming Fire...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25

...Those who embrace My Love will be able to stand in the Fire of My HOLY PRESENCE. Those who reject and despise My Love will be consumed by My Fire.

My Love never fails. Human love can easily fail. What Is Eternal is Eternal and what is temporal is temporal. Human love is temporal. My Love is Eternal

Seeker of Truth, ask Me to reveal to you the Height, Depth, Breadth and Width of My Love. Do this and you will discover the Fullness of My Life.

One of the issues that we have to deal with is strongholds from the pain of the past that rule in the lives of people. It is because these strongholds vary in their strength and intensity that it takes different layers of God's love to break them down. God has a layer of love that is equal to the task regardless of the depth or strength of any stronghold that rules in the individual! The real question as ministers is a simple one. Which hammer should we use to break the rock? That is a question for the Holy Spirit and when the answer comes, the wise should respond accordingly.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Scripture: Romans 8:1-7

The reason people stay under the dictates of the flesh, according to Romans 8, is that they choose to set their minds on specific areas of the flesh. Those areas become strongholds because they are continually fed. The depth and degree to which a person feeds a concept determines the weight and application of the hammer necessary to break it. The longer we feed the flesh, the more it becomes a giant. The five layers of God's love can all be likened to a set of bigger, stronger, weightier hammers. The choice of which layer to pray to break through is determined by the Holy Spirit.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Scripture: Matthew 10:29-34

Matthew 10:29-34 says, *“Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven. Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword.”* After reading this passage, a natural question arises – where does **God's Sword** fall in these five layers of His love? The answer is, the Sword becomes increasingly important as an application in the *last* three layers. Layers Three, Four and Five speak to the possibility or manifestation of the Spirit of the Lord coming after the rebellious and the unrepentant, for the ultimate purpose of growth and redemption.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture: Matthew 10:35-37

If we are going to initiate the Sword of the Lord by declaring, decreeing and releasing Spirit-breathed words, there is a threshold we must cross in preparation. That threshold is **partiality**. In order to move the judicial Hand of God, there can be no partiality in us. What we are willing to declare, decree or pray over another person has to be something we are also willing to pray, declare or decree over our own family members when needed. When it comes to the application of the Sword, God has a level of inherent mercy. Because of the principle of partiality, we must be willing to extend the same level of mercy to those we minister to in the world as we would to our own family members. This principle, more than any other, guarantees an upright priesthood.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

Scripture: Matthew 10:38,39

Matthew 10:38,39, *“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.”* Layered love takes each of us to the place where we realize that the application of God's Judicial Hand takes an ever-larger bite out of our own flesh until it consumes those who refuse to change. The ultimate preparation for walking with Jesus in this dimension is the choice to lose our life to His will so that we can find it in the eternal purposes of God. But that always requires letting go of what we would like to do, in order to take hold of God's assignment. There can be no application of a judicial hammer until we have walked this principle all the way to the garden of Gethsemane just as Jesus faced it.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

Scripture: Ephesians 3:17-19

Ephesians 3:17-19 states, *“...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”* God's love has five distinctive layers. There is a breadth, length, width, height *and* a love which passes all knowledge. The love that passes all knowledge is the dimension where God is willing to terminate those who refuse to relent in their quest to destroy God's harvest field. When we know *that* Jesus and have seen Him in action, we have experienced the realm of relationship that passes knowledge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13

In Ephesians 4, the Lord makes it clear the five layers of His love that release fullness are assigned, for developmental purposes, to five-fold ministry. The very same Greek Word, **tel-ios**, is used, and connects Jesus' teaching from the Sermon on the Mount with the five layers of God's love. The five layers of God's love comprise the fullness of Christ. The picture becomes complete. God specifically gifted and assigned five distinctively different dimensions of ministry to constructively create His heart in each believer. Once those pieces are imparted to the church, then the church can move into the fullness of Christ. Until those five pieces are imparted, there can be no fullness! If there is a failure in the church today, it is in our willingness to believe that these five giftings are no longer available to the church. Cessation theology simply says that the five-fold giftings died with the last apostle and we do not have them anymore. But *nothing* could be further from the truth! Ephesians 4 is just as valid today as it was when Paul penned it. We are told that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The gifts and callings of God are without repentance and without change. They are not revoked! God has never revoked any one of His ministry offices. He still develops, anoints and sends people out to walk in these offices today. The mere fact that major sections of the church do not accept all aspects of five-fold ministry proves the validity and reality of verse 14. We will be spiritual children until we determine to accept the fullness of God's preparational plan to bring us into a place where we can fully demonstrate Jesus, just as the early church did. God is ready – are we? Are we ready to blind the adversarial, the evil and unrepentant at the Spirit's prompting?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Scripture: Ephesians 4:14-16

Ephesians 4:14-16 states, *“...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes*

*growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Not only are we to **speak** the truth in love, but we are to **demonstrate** that truth. Demonstrating that truth, in itself, causes growth of the Body in love. How can the Body of Christ grow into maturity unless they see the full demonstration of each piece of God's Heart? If all the church ever sees is the “turn-the-other-cheek” nature of the evangelist and the forbearing nature of the pastor, we will never have a *real* fear of God! There are three other distinctive pieces which contribute to God's fullness. The effectiveness of our spiritual walk is often as powerless as castrated calves. The Greek word **tel-i-os** means to grow to where we can shoulder our destiny. Have we grown to where we can shoulder our destiny? Can we fully demonstrate Jesus, like the early church did? If we can, where is the termination of the ‘Herods’ in our lives? Where is the blindness as that of an ‘Elymas’?*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Scripture: Matthew 5:38-42

Matthew 5:38-42 says, *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.”* Not resisting an evil person is very evangelistic. But, if that is **all** we do, our culture may experience rampant evil! We may also get a judiciary, congress, president and society that think they can get away with legalizing what is anti-Bible because there is no penalty. There is no demonstrated resistance to their faces! It is possible that the reason our nations are going fleshly, is because the church is not demonstrating the judicial Hand of God. If that is true, we have no one to blame but ourselves because we have not shown our leaders who Jesus really is. There are a number of leaders who need to meet the angel who visited Herod!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

Scripture: Matthew 5:43-48

In Matthew 5:48 we are told, *“Therefore you shall be **tel-i-os/perfect**, just as your Father in heaven is **tel-i-os/perfect**.”* Verse 48 is the application for verse 39. It tells us that in any given situation, we are to love the way God would love. If we are directed to be in the ‘temple-cleansing’ mode, some of us must overturn the tables of the money changers in prayer, and throw them out! What verse 48 makes clear is that any response to evil demands an intimate connection with God in order to discern which of the five layers we are to respond from. If Layer One is appropriate, we will turn the other cheek. If Layer Two is called for, we declare what the sin is but we also demonstrate forbearance and God's mercy in order to encourage turning. Whichever layer the Holy Spirit dictates will guide us in our Christlike response as we lean on Him for our council and wisdom. Every single believer is destined to walk in the fullness of Christ! That means we have to be prepared to stand in all five dimensions of God's love.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-28

In Colossians 1:24-28 we are told, *“I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”* The evangelistic gift is first, and does not resist evil while sowing seeds of salvation. The pastoral gift is second, and resists evil by identifying it and demonstrating forbearance to overcome it. Layer Three

is represented by the prophetic gift. Verse 28 says “...warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man **tel-i-os**/perfect in Christ Jesus.” “Warning” is the Greek word **nou-thet-eh-o**. **Nou-thet-eh-o** is a compound word coming from **nous**, ‘the mind’ or ‘how we think.’ **Tith-aim-ee** means ‘to place under a bushel’ or ‘to misplace.’ When **nous** and **tith-aim-ee** are placed together, it means ‘to begin to think erroneously.’ **Nou-thet-eh-o** simply means that when we see brothers beginning to think erroneously, our job is to warn them about the fruit of their thinking and warn them about the direction they are taking. Warning is God's Love Layer Three. Do we love people enough to warn them?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18

Scripture: Colossians 1:29

Colossians 1:29 says, “*To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.*” Paul said in verse 29 that his goal was to develop the fullness of all five layers in the people he ministered to. His goal was to make everyone **tel-i-os** in Christ. As previously defined in the examination of Ephesians 3 and 4, **tel-i-os** in Christ means to come into spiritual fullness in His image. If we are **tel-i-os** in Christ, then we are capable of projecting five different layers of God's love as directed by the Holy Spirit. Layer Three is very, very important. If we are not applying Layer Three, we are missing one of God's most important layers – especially in the season in which we live.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Scripture: Acts 1:9-11

Acts 1:9-11 declares the ascension of Christ and becomes a central turning point in the plan of salvation. We could almost describe the first two layers of God's love as His primary pre-ascension ministry gifts. They were completely demonstrated by Jesus in the Gospels. In the Gospels, we see the picture of the Suffering-Servant Savior who loved everyone and took the sin of the whole world on Himself. He did very little resisting of evil. In this season of Jesus' ministry, there was less resistance of evil than there was “turn-the-other-cheek.” The second aspect, or phase, of His ministry in the Gospels was pastoral. Jesus demonstrated tremendous forbearance. Whether it was misguided tax collectors, the Samaritan woman caught in adultery or the woman at the well, we see that Jesus was very pastoral in the Gospels. But once He ascended, things began to change dramatically. The remainder of the layers of God's love begins to unfold before us as we see the fullness of Christ develop!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

Scripture: Acts 20:29-31

Acts 20:29-31 states, “*For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.*” Here again, we find **nou-thet-eh-o**, “*Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to **nou-thet-eh-o** /warn everyone night and day with tears.*” It is obvious that Paul was moving in Love Layer Three. It should be noted that as long as Paul was there, the wolves did not manifest. As soon as Paul left, the wolves manifested. That tells us that as soon as the full measure of God's Layered Love is restored to the church, the wolves will be in trouble. As the love of God becomes more and more mature in the church, the judgment for wolves will create fear. Some may perceive what is coming and flee for their lives. As our love matures, wolves will be forced into flight! Is the Judicial Christ rising in His church? When the true fullness is restored, will the wolves flee – or face ‘Ananias and Sapphira’ moments?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Scripture: Acts 20:32,33

What is the key that causes the wolves to flee? Acts 20:32,33 speaks to that issue! The wolf is one who builds his own kingdom. He appears to be a member of the 'mammonite tribe' whose personal kingdom-building knows no bounds and whose main motivation is money. Since context determines meaning, we have to believe that Paul's statement in verse 33 is one of the reasons why the wolves were held at bay. For the fullness of God's love to come into manifestation, we are going to have to have ministries who are mammon-free and have passed God's money-test. Ministries should be able to say like Paul, *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel."*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Scripture: Numbers 16:15

Numbers 16:15 finds Moses in the midst of a confrontation with Korah, Dathan and Abiram and 250 leaders. The wolves rose up. The wolves were after the leadership. Moses attempted to warn but God took it to a whole different level. They accused Moses and Aaron. Just as Paul prayed, *"I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel..."* Moses prayed, *"I have not taken...nor have I hurt..."* The 'I have not taken, I have not hurt' is a declaration over the issue of money. Because Moses passed the mammon test, he was able to pray judicially and God stepped in with a sobering and permanent remedy for those who resisted His plans. He terminated the opposition. God can terminate the filthy, perverse and vile!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1-5

In 1 Samuel 12:1-5 we have Samuel saying the very same thing as Moses and later, Paul. Samuel says in verses 3-5, *"Here I am. Witness against me before the Lord and before His anointed: Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I received any bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will restore it to you." And they said, 'You have not cheated us or oppressed us, nor have you taken anything from any man's hand.' Then he said to them, 'The Lord is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand.' And they answered, 'He is witness.'"* Samuel was declaring the fact that God did not want them to choose a physical king. But they said they wanted to be like all the other nations. Therefore, as Samuel was preparing to retire, he said, 'Have I taken or have I hurt anyone?' They answered no. We can now begin to see the foundation for Samuel's leadership. It formed under Eli, whose sons took whatever they wanted. Not one of Samuel's words ever fell to the ground. God brought them all to pass. How could that happen? Where did that authority come from? Samuel chose to pass the mammon test. As a result of passing the mammon test, he could pray judicially and see God's Hand move dramatically. Sometimes it came through thunder. Sometimes it came through hail. When Samuel prayed, God moved and the enemy was defeated. We are told that the Hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. The wolves could not come into Israel and steal when Samuel was in judicial leadership or when Paul was in the house. There is a test here for every one of us to pass. If we can pass this one, we can pray and move God's Judicial Hand!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:1-4

In Jeremiah 15:1-4 we are told, *"Then the Lord said to me, 'Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people. Cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth. And it shall be, if they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord: 'Such as are for death, to death; And such as are for the sword, to the sword; And such as are for the famine, to the famine; And such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.'" 'And I will appoint over them four forms of destruction,' says the Lord: 'the sword*

to slay, the dogs to drag, the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. I will hand them over to trouble, to all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.” It is obvious that God had some favorites. While Jeremiah was praying for the nation, the Lord spoke to him and said, “Even though Moses and Samuel stood before me, I would not be favorable toward this people.” What did Moses and Samuel have in common? They could both say to God, “I have not taken, I have not hurt.” In Scripture, it is obvious that there is a mammon test that every minister has to pass. If we pass the mammon test, then we are released to impart the fullness of God's Layered Love to His people. But if we do not, then God's people are sowing into a compromised altar. The givers at best can only gain half a harvest for their sowing. Any farmer knows if he puts seed in the ground with fertilizer and water, he should have a decent crop. But when you and I sow into a mixed-seed altar, there is no way we can ever obtain the harvest that God intended. The wolves could not stand while Paul was there. The wolves could not stand in the presence of Moses. The wolves could not stand in the presence of Samuel. May the Hand of the Lord come on us so the wolves cannot stand in our presence! Wolves in the church will flee when judgment comes!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 11:7-13

2 Corinthians 11:7-13 says, *“Did I commit sin in humbling myself that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you free of charge? I robbed other churches, taking wages from them to minister to you. 9 And when I was present with you, and in need, I was a burden to no one, for what I lacked the brethren who came from Macedonia supplied. And in everything I kept myself from being burdensome to you, and so I will keep myself. As the truth of Christ is in me, no one shall stop me from this boasting in the regions of Achaia. Why? Because I do not love you? God knows! But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity to be regarded just as we are in the things of which they boast. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.”* This is the Apostle Paul, in action, making his declaration of how he lived. He said he chose to live in order that he could bring every deceiver into the judicial yardstick of God. Verse 12 is the key, *“But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off...”* Paul said, “I live a certain way for one reason – so I can pray a judicial prayer, bringing the yardstick of God and dispensing the fullness of God's love. I can bring His judicial Hand on any individual who threatens to resist God's eternal purpose.” Paul could only do that because of how he chose to live. When we get that, it changes how we view things. We do not focus on looking for a ‘successful’ church with thousands of people, as that may be one with a potential mammonite in the pulpit! We are not looking for the latest or greatest church-franchise where we get a piped-in message. In such places, the mixed seed of the mammonite often only gives the feel-good part of the message, which feeds a person's flesh. That is not how Paul lived, and it is not what he did. Once he established a church, he made sure it was independent. There were people in the house who were locally responsible. Paul understood it – he got it. And he paid the price to walk there.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Scripture: Acts 13:36-41

Acts 13:36-41 says, *“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption. Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins; and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you: ‘Behold, you despisers, Marvel and perish! For I work a work in your days, A work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you.’”* The Apostle Paul, in the longest message recorded in the New Testament, warned the church that if they rejected Jesus as the Author of the covenant of Sure Mercy, they may well lose their city and nation. Paul understood that the foundation for all judicial authority was by covenant and it came in the form of the covenant of Sure Mercy. Any

rejection of Jesus at any layer of His love would bring a penalty. What we do with the whole council of God's Word determines the level of authority we will walk in. That is the message of why Moses walked circumspectly so he could say "I have not taken, I have not hurt..." That is why Samuel did the same and that is why Paul walked accordingly. They said yes to the Word at its application in their lives because they understood that 'Yes' to the Word meant full access to the covenantal promises! It means *full* access to the Judicial Christ! Without that access we are not ready for the last days. That access only comes when we say yes to God's Word when it is brought to us.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Scripture: Romans 15:14

Romans 15:14 says, "*Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.*" Paul says to the Romans, "I am confident about your ability to move in Love Layer Three. Because **nou-thet-eh-o** is translated 'admonish,' Paul understood that if he could bring people to a commitment to the layers of love and they could enter into Layer Three, they would begin to warn each other. In that warning, there would be a protection for the whole body. What are we doing with the prophetic office? Are we open to it? Are we willing to embrace it? Are we willing to accept God's warnings when we need them personally? As leaders will we pay the price to warn others and prepare them?"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Scripture: Colossians 1:28

Colossians 1:28 says, "*Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.*" It is interesting that this passage seems to unfold in such a way as to say to us, if we receive warning, then we are open to teaching. If we do not receive warning, then we are demonstrating an unteachable spirit that has been hardened by flesh or sin in some area. A person who has the humility to receive a warning is teachable. A person who will not receive a warning is demonstrating the areas in their life where they are not teachable. That should be a blinking, neon sign for anyone in ministry. Do not ever put anyone in leadership in the church who will not accept a warning! If they refuse warnings, they are probably unteachable in an area and that can be an open door for future problems.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14

Colossians 3:12-14 says, "*Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.*" We are told in Colossians 3:12-14 that the reason why we put on love is because it is the bond of **tel-i-o-tace**. It is the bond of maturity. If we love one another, if we forgive one another, if we warn each other, then we are putting on love, which is the bond of maturity. The reason why the bond of maturity is so important is because we can then receive each other's corrections. Without having the humility to receive each other's corrections, we are in deep trouble.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:5-14

1 Thessalonians 5:12-14 states, "*And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted,*

uphold the weak, be patient with all.” They were told that those who were over them in the Lord would **nou-thet-eh-o**/admonish/warn them. The proper response to receiving a warning from a leader is to esteem him highly in love. Why do people get offended and change churches? The saints who are mature count warning as a blessing. We need to realize that the prophetic aspect of warning is one of the most important things that God ever gives people. If we can receive a warning, we are teachable and we can go to the pinnacle of God's gifting and calling. Without it, we cannot.

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Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:5-14, Jeremiah 36:1-3

In 2 Thessalonians 3:14,15 we are told, *“And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”* Verse 15 is very interesting in that it says we are to not count a brother as an enemy, but we are to admonish him. *“Admonish”* is the same Greek word for ‘warn’/**nou-thet-eh-o**. When we see people heading off on a tangent, our job may be to warn them, in love, that the direction they are going is going to create problems they may not be able to get away from. Warning is a biblical sign of friendship. Do we have real friends? Because real friends will warn us. Jeremiah 36:1-3 says, *“Now it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: ‘Take a scroll of a book and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah even to this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the adversities which I purpose to bring upon them, that everyone may turn from his evil way, that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.’”* It is interesting that at one point in Jeremiah’s life God said to him, *“Every word I have ever given you, I want you to write it down.”* That had to be quite a thick book! The whole purpose was he was supposed to write down the words that God gave against different nations. This was so that the house of Judah might hear the adversity which God purposed to bring and that everyone would turn so that God could forgive them and relent from bringing the adversity. If there was ever a passage that demonstrates the reality of the love of God in warning, it is this one. *“Jeremiah, write down every word I have given you against Israel and the other nations. It may then be, they will hear all the adversity I have purposed and repent – so that I do not have to bring it again.”* Warning is a life-saver. It is Layer Three of God's love. It is time the church grew into this dimension because it may well save many!

Itinerary

10/3	Columbus, OH	Christ Castle Int’l Church 1673 Karl Court, 43229; Wed 6:30 pm	Betty Holland 614-934-7150
10/5-10/6	Newark, OH	The Upper Room 6363 Cooks Hill Rd, 43056; Fri & Sat 6:30 pm	Deborah Collins 740-763-3232
10/7	Dresden, OH	Northgate Open Bible Church 10516 Frazeyburg Rd, 43821; Sun 10:30 am & pm TBA	Mike & Melody Foster 740-754-3330
10/19-10/20	Tigard, OR	Trinity Evangelical 10900 SW 121st Ave, Tigard OR 97223 Email for times	George La Du 503-590-5683 georgeladu@comcast.net