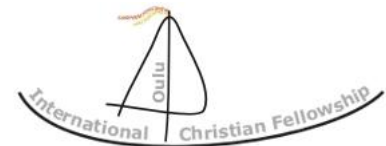


International Christian Fellowship of Oulu



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Place: Chapel of St. Luke

Topic: Love

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Sources: Holy Bible, New International Version

Message (Tunji Toriola)

What is love ([1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)): Agape love is the unselfish, self-denying, self-sacrificing benevolent concern for another. Agape love loves the unlovable and unlovely.

Redemption is the ultimate show of love: [John 3:16](#). Unconditional, regardless of who we are.

We love because He first loved us: [1 John 4:19](#)

Love is not just sweet sailing, it can be tough because loving reproof is necessary for our growth in Holiness: [Hebrews 12:6-11](#). Realms of love.

- 1) Love God: [Mathew 22:36-40](#) How?
 - (a) Obeying His commandments: [John 14:21-24](#), [1 Samuel 15:22](#)
 - (b) Putting our trust in Him: [John 14:1](#), [Titus 3:3-8](#), [Psalm 32:10](#)
 - (c) Praising Him: [Psalm 106:1](#), [Hebrews 13:15](#)

We need the help of the Holy Spirit: [Deuteronomy 30:6](#), [John 14:16](#)
- 2) Love yourself: [Mathew 22:39](#), [Galatians 5:14](#). You can't love other people the way God wants you to unless you love yourself. You are created in God's image. Learn to love yourself as God has created you. Balance is essential so as not to be self-centered and narcissistic.
- 3) Love others: Family, friends, neighbors and strangers. [John 13:34-35](#), [John 15:12](#), [1 John 4:7-8,20](#); [Luke 10:25-37](#). By this, you can either draw people to God or drive them away from God.
- 4) Love your enemies: [Matthew 5:44-48](#); [Luke 23:34](#). Your enemies act out of ignorance, if they know the bigger picture; they wouldn't do what they do. Forgive, pray for them and learn to love them.

Concept Map (Bastian Fähnrich): <http://www.theprisoners.org/icfo/love.pdf>

