When Love Gets Expensive

The Essence of Being a Christian

1. Not merely correct beliefs.
   - Wars have been fought over this.
2. Not attempting to live up to impossible standards.
   - People have become neurotic and unhappy.
3. But the acceptance of God’s love.
   - An incredible, amazing gift.
   - The beautiful epistles of John underline this.

"See What Love the Father Has Given Us"

1. The Christians knew they had seen and experienced a love before which all traditional definitions broke down.
2. There were many false definitions.
   1. Love as universality, effusive spirit of God will like steam or other waves.
   2. If you are good, then you will be loved.
   3. If you belong to the right group or people then you will be loved.
      - Not great enough.
(2) The Quality of His Love - Acts 10:38-43

1. This Love Is Unconditional:
   - Not dependent on looks, race, or status.
   - Not dependent on whether you are a sinner or not.
   - There are no qualifying phrases in the contract.
   
   "I will love you if . . . ."
   - This is a universal, everlasting concern.
   - God loves us, we are His Creation.

2. This Love Is Personal:
   - "He died for me."
   - Each of us is known by name.
   - We are not lost in an ocean; we become deeply personal.

3. This Love Is Consistent:
   - Not dependent on seasons or culture.
   - Not dependent on ups or downs or feelings change in us.
   - When everything else is gone then love
   
   --</u> Olas and the Story of the Dead Lord
   -- The Story of the Writting Father
4. His Love Is Utterly Costly
   - It is involved therefore it is vulnerable.
   - This is like writing a book or like entering into married life.

   "He laid down his life for us."
   - The Core of Creation and Redemption.
   - The Son who was love the most.

5. We Are Included In His Love
   - We can only receive, then we are only beggars.
   - Are we humble enough to begin?
   - This makes his children of God.
   - All his treasures are ours.
   - This is only the beginning.

   "It does not yet appear where we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."
"We Should Love One Another."

1. "We have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death.

   - The death we all know.
   - Anger, suspicion, jealousy, hate.
   - Comparison among people.
   - Toward friends, families, fellow workers.

   - The life we can know.
   - The liberating power of love.
   - Deliverance from death.
   - Peace, forgiveness, wanting the best for others, repaying in the right.

2. "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

   - We make ourselves vulnerable because we are involved.
   - The offering of our deepest Self. Often.
   - Putting ourselves at the risk of others.

   - How do we treat the marginal?
   - Key city of good works to the least.
   - Suffer and die.
   - Last Judgment in Matthew.
(3) The Specific Nature of Love

"But if any one has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

(1) Who is My Brother?
- The generalities are easy—All Humanity.
- But then is My own family or My Regiment.
- The story by Ken Congin.
- The Mexican people were a problem.

(2) What is His Need?
- Win always, lose.
- Is there the what I withhold?
- I rationalize, I evade, I postpone or belittle
- This is the source of unhappiness.

(3) What Can I Share?
- I can share myself.
- Dr. Freiin and my writing with
  the children, down on the floor.
- Nearly Gates.
The Response of Love

The Meaning of Being a Christian

1. Not simply believing right things.
2. Not merely trying to live up to impossible standards.
3. But the acceptance of an incredible gift.
   - God's love given to us in Jesus Christ
   - Forgiveness, life, joy, all a part of His gift

4. He is love, we love. Great because
   - See what love the Father has given us, that we should
     be called children of God.

5. God stopping to create, breathing into man.
   - The great words in Hebrews 11:1-4; 8, 9.
7. Now coming in Jesus Christ.
   - Once again God stoops very low.
     1. The way Jesus taught - love your enemy
     2. The manner of this life.
       - Women and children
       - Outside a dinner
       - The woman at Simon's house.
(3) The Idea of Calvary

- Finally, Love is Attacked
- The Host Assails Jerusalem
- Then Love Confronts Rebellion
- Then the Love Accepts the Rebellion
- "Father, Forgive Them"
- "Thine As It Shalt"
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(4) The Meaning of All This

- We Are All Involved. Cosmic Affair
- The Veil is Here. The Way Is Opened
- God Has Reconciled Our World
- Costly Grace
- "Dean Was Victor: Resurrection"
(4) Do not love too much to carry great things. The love is blind, but Opa.

(5) The love of God as seen in Christ
   - Unconditional
     - Not dependent on color, race or status.
     - Then are no qualifying phrases.
   - His love is consistent
     - Not dependent on reasons or situations.
   - His love is personal
     - He knows my name.
     - He died for me.
   - His love is costly
     - It is vulnerable. It is involved.
     - Like writing a book or raising a family.
- We are included in this.
- We can only receive. We are only beggars.
- Are we humble enough to receive?
- All of God's treasurs are ours.
"We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love remains in death."

We can perceive this love in Christ and in death.

1. Christ speaks of Him:
   - Weeping, wailing, a groaning of Jerusalem,
   - Hardness of Pharisees’ hearts,
   - Outer darkness.

2. We know Him as a day when the door closed,
   - Then our modern example
   - Proud, haughty woman
   - Vomiting and judgmental hand helping in a heart death
   - Man who calls at night
   - He in the door love bore across
   - The chattering women cried
   - The man at Mornell for whom there is no meaning
   - Quick, Wyoming Indian
2. There is a Wasting from Death to Life
   - Knel Howe, Story
   - The One in the Mental Institution
   - We are Given the Gift of Love
   - Because we dare believe
   - Do Many Times in Evangelism
He becomes the weapons of love

"...by this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

1. We have preached, promoted, wished, manipulated.
   We have not loved.

2. Christ shares with us the Father's love
   which makes us vulnerable because
   we are involved.
   - The scene in the last judgment,
     "The fear of these."
   - Love, wait, serve, hope, and pray.

3. This gets very specific.
   - Not in a fashion all good programs
   - We enter into Christ's life and work.
- Our Churches can become these kind of places.

- Places of openness, love and sharing.

- Not institutions, organizations,

- Places of promotion.

Tremendous account of Tim & Lea.
First Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

June 17, 1962

Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH
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INVISIBLE RESOURCES
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Portions from I John 3
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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Anthem—“How Long Wilt Thou Forget Me, O Lord”.............................Pflueger
How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord.
How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
Consider and hear me, O Lord my God,
Lighten my eyes lighten my eyes
Lest I sleep the sleep of the dead.
But I have trusted in Thy mercy
My heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“My Heart is Longing”..........................................Brahms
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE WORD OF GOD
Solo—“Out of The Deep”................................................................Mathews
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*First service only  **Second service only  ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the side door, Pastor Rowe at the main door, and Pastor Babcock at the balcony door.
The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by My Cleaners.
On this day which God has given us it is a joy to welcome you to our service. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant, bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We are happy that you are worshipping with us at your radio this morning. It is our hope that this service will be a source of blessing to you, that somehow you will sense here the Presence of God and come to realize that, whatever your need, the resources of God are more than adequate to meet it.

The Scripture has been read this morning from I John, chapter 3. The Sanctuary Choir has just sung "HOW LONG WILT THOU FORGET ME, O LORD" by Pfueger. The solo OUT OF THE DEEP by Mathews will be sung by David Sorenson, baritone. Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic WHEN LOVE GETS EXPENSIVE.

If it is possible for you to do so we invite you to attend the Evening Service tonight at 7:30. The service will be under the leadership of Pastor Fredrikson who will preach on the subject HAVING THE MIND OF CHRIST, the second in a series on the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Before we return to the sanctuary may I say once again how good it is to have you with us today. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance please feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. We welcome every opportunity to serve you. As we invite you we are mindful that it is God's House to which we welcome you and it is in His Spirit that we seek to minister to you.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Christian Greetings and Announcements
Scripture—Philippians II
Call to Prayer
Prayer
Prayer Response
Singing a Hymn
Receiving the Offering
Special Music
Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson—"Having The Mind of Christ"
(The second in a series)
Closing Hymn
Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"
Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Four
MONDAY through FRIDAY—9:00-11:00 a.m.—Vacation Church School
TUESDAY, 2:30 p.m.—Women's Bible Study in Chapel
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer Meeting
THURSDAY—Women's Mission Society Groups:

1:15 P.M.
Group I—Mrs. Robert Scott 2400 E. 10th St.
Group II—Pot Luck Picnic (place to be announced)
Group III—Mrs. A. C. Parker, 1701 Carter Place
Group IV—Mrs. A. C. Kuyper, 902 S. Euclid
Group V—Mrs. George Cutsinger, 1315 S. Duluth

8:00 P.M.
Group VI—Mrs. Mary Thome, 703 S. Summit
Group VII—Picnic (to be announced)
Group VIII—Picnic
Group X—Mrs. Harry Talley, 1607 S. Summit

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Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER 2

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves.

4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant being born in the likeness of men.

8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;

13 for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning,

15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,

16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.

17 Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.

18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

19 I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you.
Chapter 2 - The Letter of Paul to the Philippians

20 I have no one like him, who will be genuinely anxious for your welfare.

21 They all look after their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

22 But Timothy's worth you know, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me;

24 and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself shall come also.

25 I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,

26 for he has been longing for you all, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

27 Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

28 I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

29 So receive him in the Lord with all joy; and honor such men,

30 for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete your service to me.