



Introduction – *Definitely going to get a response...*

Today’s Message:

Loving People that drive you nuts!

1 Corinthians 13

1. What is Love?

a. *Storge*

b. *Philia*

c. *Eros*

d. *Agape*

2. How does God love?

1 John 4:8-11

Romans 5:8

3. What does Christ ask of his followers?

Matthew 22:34-40

4. What will be distinguishing mark of a follower of Jesus?

John 13:34-35

5. Ok, but what about knuckleheads who drive me nuts?

Matthew 5:43-44

A call for Christian Tolerance

Do we agree?

Yes – Acceptance or Promotion

Maybe – Processing or Avoidance (Indifference)

No – Repulsion or Tolerance

What is Christian Tolerance?

Gospel Application – *The beauty of the Communion Table!*

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails.

1 John 4:8-11

⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶“Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

John 13:34-35

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Matthew 5:43-44

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”