



## “LOVE TO SERVE”

### I Corinthians 13

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Love is passionate, friendly and godly. To serve means to be of use, to wait on others. This is the highest tribute a person can offer to another. As followers of Jesus, we should “Love to Serve.” However, the myths of love have been distorted.

In Roman times, Cupid/Eros, a cherub-faced man-child with a bow and a crooked arrow was supposed to shoot both man and gods and make them fall in love. Sometimes he put the right two together and then there were several misfires. He is the only god of that period that people still talk about.

In 270 AD, Emperor Claudius II of Rome ruled that all his soldiers should be single men. For those soldiers that wanted to be married, a priest by the name of Valentine would secretly give soldiers their wedding blessing. When the Emperor found out about it, he had Valentine arrested. Claudius offered Valentine the opportunity to accept the Roman gods. Valentine refused. Valentine was ordered to be executed. During his time in jail, the jailer learned that Valentine had healing powers. The jailer’s daughter was blind. He brought her to Valentine and she was healed. Valentine fell in love with her. Before he died, he wrote her a letter and signed it, Your Valentine. The rest is history. Valentine died serving others.

Today as we celebrate love, let us look at the love we should share in our fellowship. The sermon’s bible reference is I Corinthians 13. For this sermon, I will cover the following points:

1. Without Love
2. Love Is
3. Growing In Love

It is my prayer that each of us will find the Love of Jesus Christ, the talent and gift he has given us and serve our sisters and brothers. Behold the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand if we “Love to Serve.”

“Give your best, it will come back better!”

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