**Adult Sunday School**March 25, 2012

**A Diligent Faith is The Key of Love**

Php 1:9 ¶ **And this I pray**, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; (James 5:15-16) Phil.1:6-9,11,25,27,29

Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

1. Love with proper knowledge Jn. 21:15-17
2. **Phileo** fil-eh'-o ---moral love
   * To be a friend

To know by a certain feeling

* chiefly of the heart,
  + To have affection, sentiment or feeling,

To know by principle

* of the head,
  + The embrace of good judgment,
    - The deliberate act of the will
      * Respect, principle or duty kiss (a mark of tenderness)

1. **agapao**, ag-ap-ah'-o ---mutual love (much)
   * **TO Know You Have a Friend**

to love (in a social or moral sense)

To love and be loved

1. agape, ag-ah'-pay

affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast:--(feast of) charity(-ably), dear, love.

Lovest thou me more than these?

1. Do you love Him more than you love others?
2. Do you love Him more than others do?
3. Do you love Him without them?
4. Do you love Him with them?
5. Do you love Him with the love **He has given** you?

Mt 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Ro 5:5 …the **love** of God …**given** unto us.

Eph 5:2 …**love**… **given** …

2Ti 1:7 …**given** …**love**, and of a sound mind.

2Co 6:6 knowledge, …love unfeigned,

8:7 …knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

This point is so important that it should be examined in detail.

* The conscience reveals the same rules of duty and the same measure of obligation as God's revealed law does. II Cor. 4:2

**Conscience** imposes; same law of love as God's law does,

(love supreme towards God, love equal and impartial toward our neighbor). **Conscience** never fails to affirm that each man is bound to love his neighbour as himself.

**A THOROUGH, HARD WORKING, CONCIENTIOUS FAITH**

**Is the Key to Love**

1. Fruitful increases of Love; in, above and beyond as knowledge increases.

Eph 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. Rom.1:17; 1Co 15:34; Mat.6:33

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints, 5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof **ye heard** before in the word of the truth of the gospel; 6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:

(1Th 3:1-13) A strong diligent faith exercised

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you **to increase and abound in love** one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

Deut 7:1-26 The Key to the Covenant of love-**obey**

* Major battles fought by men are in the mind.

The mind is the first battlefield.

The mind is the first enemy.

Love makes faith work to fullest potential Gal.5:5-7

The Key of Love; Is a Diligent Faith (**2Peter 1:1-9**)

Be well natured and exercised in all that He gives.

* 1. Is obtaining like precious faith and exercising diligently through His righteousness and knowledge.

II Peter 1:1-2; Gal.5:6; Eph.5:2

1. Love and Faith… command, requirements

Love and Faith…gifts-(1Cor.12:8-9; 13:13),

Love and Faith…fruit (Gal.5:22)

Love and Faith…shield I Thes. 5:8;Eph.6:16

1. A diligent faith must be exercised before faith is added to.
2. Virtue is given to faith that is diligent
3. Knowledge is given where faith and virtue are exercised diligently.
4. Temperance is given where faith, virtue and knowledge are exercised diligently.
5. Patience is given where faith, virtue knowledge and temperance is exercised diligently.
6. Godliness is given where faith, virtue knowledge, temperance and patience is exercised diligently.
7. Brotherly kindness is given where faith, virtue knowledge, temperance, patience and godliness is exercised diligently.
8. Charity is given where faith, virtue knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, Brotherly kindness is exercised diligently.