## <u>The Love Revolution</u> Sunday September 3, 2023 Pastor Pete Norris

What would it look like if Jesus walked the earth right now?

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19, 20 NKJV)

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:35-40 NKJV)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34, 35 NKJV)

This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **(John 15:12 NKJV)** 

These things I command you, that you love one another. (John 15:17 NKJV)

And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment. **(I John 3:23 NKJV)** 

This is the core of the Christian Faith.

And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. **(John 14:16, 17 NKJV)** 

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. **(John 14:23 NKJV)** 

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? (I Corinthians 3:16 NKJV)

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." **(II Corinthians 6:16 NKJV)** 

In them means "to inhabit." Strong's New Concordance

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **(Colossians 1:26, 27 NKJV)** 

I was reminded that because God would now live in people that believed in Jesus, we would need to love Him in His dwelling place, in those people who believed in Him. He was making Himself accessible to us in our brothers and sisters, but it would be impossible to love Him, if we didn't love the brothers and sisters that He now lived in! It was only when we "hugged" them that God would feel the squeeze!

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. **(I John 4:10 NKJV)** 

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also. **(I John 4:20, 21 NKJV)** 

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' **(Matthew 25:34-40 NKJV)** 

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true. (Hebrews 6:10, 11 NLT)

## John 8:3-11, Mark 5:25-34

There are two Core Commandments in the Old Testament.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. **(Deuteronomy 6:5 NKJV)** 

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. **(Leviticus 19:18 NKJV)** 

There are two Core Commandments in the New Testament.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. **(John 3:16 NKJV)** 

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **(John 13:34 NKJV)** 

The Old Testament is rooted upon my infinite love for God and my neighbor.

The New Testament is rooted upon God's infinite love for me.

No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **(I John 4:12 NKJV)**