

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES —
FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

Message Ten
Faith and Love

Scripture Reading: 1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:13; 3:2-4; Gal. 5:6; Mark 12:30

1 Tim. 1:14—And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 1:13—Hold a pattern of the healthy words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

2 Tim. 3:2-4—For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, ⁴Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

Gal. 5:6—For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith *avails*, operating through love.

Mark 12:30—And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.”

I. Faith and love are two inseparable, excellent virtues of the believers in Christ—1 Tim. 1:14; 2 Tim. 1:13; Gal. 5:6:

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A. Through faith we receive the Lord, and through love we enjoy the Lord whom we have received—John 1:12; 14:21; 21:15-17:

John 1:12—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

John 14:21—He who has My commandments and keeps them, he is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him.

John 21:15-17—Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs. ¹⁶He said to him again a second time, Simon,

son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep. ¹⁷He said to him the third time, Simon, *son* of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

1. By faith we receive the Lord and therefore please God; by love we enjoy the Lord and thereby keep His word—Heb. 11:6; John 14:23.

Heb. 11:6—But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing *to Him*, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

John 14:23—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 an abode with him.

2. By faith we receive and enjoy the divine life that is revealed and ministered to us in the Gospel of John; by love we love the Lord and those who belong to Him—3:16, 36; 20:31; 21:15-17; 13:34-35.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

John 3:36—He who believes into the Son has eternal life; but he who disobeys the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides upon him.

John 20:31—But these have been written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, you may have life in His name.

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John 13:34-35—A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

- B. Faith and love are the reality and expression of the Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Spirit—in whom we believe and whom we worship and receive—Matt. 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14:

Matt. 28:19—Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

1. This wonderful faith and this super-excellent love are out of the Triune God, who desires to be joined to us to be our everything—Eph. 3:16-19a.

Eph. 3:16-19—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸May be full of strength to apprehend with all the saints what the breadth and length and height and depth are ¹⁹And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God.

2. The Triune God passed through the process of incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension and was ultimately consummated as the life-giving Spirit; this all-inclusive Spirit dwells in our regenerated spirit— John 1:14; 1 Cor. 15:45b; 6:17; 2 Tim. 4:22.

John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

1 Cor. 15:45—So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living soul”; the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit.

1 Cor. 6:17—But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.

2 Tim. 4:22—The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

3. When we contact the Triune God through prayer and by looking to Him, by means of our spirit, He infuses Himself into us to become the faith toward Him and the love toward those who belong to Him—Heb. 12:2.

Heb. 12:2—Looking away unto Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down on the right hand of the throne of God.

4. Such faith and love are the rich grace given to us in Christ by the Triune God, not only to be the motivating power and expression of our spiritual life but also to become our breastplate, which covers and protects the vital parts of our being—1 Tim. 1:14; 1 Thes. 5:8.

1 Tim. 1:14—And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

1 Thes. 5:8—But since we are of the day, let us be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love and a helmet, the hope of salvation.

C. Faith and love are connected and go together—Gal. 5:6:

Gal. 5:6—For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith *avails*, operating through love.

1. Love comes from faith, and faith operates and works through love:

- a. Faith is active; it receives the Spirit and thus is full of power—3:2.

Gal. 3:2—This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

- b. Faith operates through love to fulfill God’s purpose to complete the sonship of God for His corporate expression—the Body of Christ—4:5-6; Rom. 8:14; 12:4-5.

Gal. 4:5-6—That He might redeem those under law that we might receive the sonship. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father!

Rom. 8:14—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

Rom. 12:4-5—For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

2. Love with faith enables us to love our Lord in incorruptibility so that we may have an overcoming church life for the fulfillment of God's New Testament economy in Christ for the church—Eph. 6:23-24; 5:32.

Eph. 6:23-24—Peace to the brothers and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

Eph. 5:32—This mystery is great, but I speak with regard to Christ and the church.

II. Faith is for appreciating, substantiating, and receiving the unlimited riches of the Triune God — John 1:12; Eph. 3:16-17a:

John 1:12—But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of God, to those who believe into His name,

Eph. 3:16-17—That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit into the inner man, ¹⁷That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

- A. Faith is given to us by God that by it we may receive Christ, the embodiment of the Triune God, and thereby enter into the Triune God and be joined to Him as one, having Him as our life, life supply, and everything—2 Pet. 1:1.

2 Pet. 1:1—Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have been allotted faith equally precious as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

- B. Faith is to believe and to trust in God and in His word — John 14:1.

John 14:1—Do not let your heart be troubled; believe into God, believe also into Me.

- C. The way for us to be saved and regenerated is simply to believe in the Lord Jesus—3:15-16; 1 John 5:10-12:

John 3:15-16—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

1 John 5:10-12—He who believes into the Son of God has the testimony in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the testimony which God has testified concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave to us eternal life and this life is in His Son. ¹²He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

1. By faith in the Lord, we receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life—Acts 10:43; John 3:16.

Acts 10:43—To this One all the prophets testify that through His name everyone who believes into Him will receive forgiveness of sins.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

2. When we believe in the Lord, we believe into Him—v. 15:

John 3:15—That everyone who believes into Him may have eternal life.

- a. By believing into Him, we enter into Him to be one with Him, to partake of Him, and to participate in all that He has accomplished for us.
- b. By believing into Him, we are identified with Him in all that He is and in all that He has passed through, accomplished, attained, and obtained—1 Cor. 1:30; Eph. 2:5-6; Col. 3:1.

1 Cor. 1:30—But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became wisdom to us from God: both righteousness and sanctification and redemption,

Eph. 2:5-6—Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) ⁶And raised *us* up together with *Him* and seated *us* together with *Him* in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus,

Col. 3:1—If therefore you were raised together with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

- D. Faith brings us into an organic union with the Triune God; instead of pursuing a great work, we should pursue this organic union—John 15:4-5.

John 15:4-5—Abide in Me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.

III. Love is for experiencing, enjoying, and living out the immeasurably rich Triune God—Mark 12:30:

Mark 12:30—And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.”

- A. Love issues out of faith and enables us to live out all the riches of the Triune God in Christ with those who have believed into Christ with us in order that the Triune God may have a glorious corporate expression—Eph. 3:19-21.

Eph. 3:19-21—And to know the knowledge-surpassing love of Christ, that you may be filled unto all the fullness of God. ²⁰But to Him who is able to do superabundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power which operates in us, ²¹To Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all the generations forever and ever. Amen.

- B. Love is for the believers to minister and transmit the Triune God to their fellow believers so that all the believers may love one another with divine, transcendent love and live a corporate life in Christ—Rom. 12:4-5, 10.

Rom. 12:4-5—For just as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵So we who are many are one Body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Rom. 12:10—Love one another warmly in brotherly love; take the lead in showing honor one to another.

- C. Our love for the Lord must be absolute—Matt. 10:37; 1 John 2:15; Rev. 12:11:
Matt. 10:37—He who loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me;

1 John 2:15—Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him;

Rev. 12:11—And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they loved not their soul-life even unto death.

1. We should not love anyone or anything above Him; whatever we love more than the Lord is an idol—1 John 5:21.

1 John 5:21—Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

2. He is the One most worthy of our love, and we must be worthy of Him—Matt. 10:37.

Matt. 10:37—He who loves father or mother above Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter above Me is not worthy of Me;

- D. To give the Lord the first place in all things is to love Him with the first love, the best love—Col. 1:18; Rev. 2:4.

Col. 1:18—And He is the Head of the Body, the church; He is the beginning, the Firstborn from the dead, that He Himself might have the first place in all things;

Rev. 2:4—But I have *one thing* against you, that you have left your first love.

- E. “To love God means to set our entire being—spirit, soul, and body, with the heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30)—absolutely on Him, that is, to let our entire being be occupied by Him and lost in Him, so that He becomes everything to us and we are one with Him practically in our daily life”—1 Cor. 2:9, footnote 3.
Mark 12:30—And you shall love the Lord your God from your whole heart and from your whole soul and from your whole mind and from your whole strength.”

1 Cor. 2:9—But as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard and *which* have not come up in man’s heart; things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

- F. Whatever one loves, his heart, even his entire being, is set on and occupied and possessed by—1 Tim. 6:10; 2 Tim. 3:2-4; 4:8, 10a:

1 Tim. 6:10—For the love of money is a root of all evils, *because of* which some, aspiring after *money*, have been led away from the faith and pierced themselves through with many pains.

2 Tim. 3:2-4—For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, ⁴Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

2 Tim. 4:8—Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, with which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will recompense me in that day, and not only me but also all those who have loved His appearing.

2 Tim. 4:10—For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

1. Whether there would be a day of glory in the church's victory or grievous days of the church's decline depends on what kind of lovers we are.
2. To maintain the victorious standard of the church, we must be lovers of God and lovers of the good that pertains to God's economy—3:3-4.

2 Tim. 3:3-4—Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, ⁴Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,