

The Code - Love **Unstoppable, Limitless Love**

Vision statement that sets out what we are aiming

For all people to glorify God through knowing Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and making Jesus known.

Values - We have seven things we believe are important in establishing our culture to move towards the vision

- A culture where the Holy Spirit is welcome not just as a visitor but to stay.

- Jesus - We want Jesus to be the centre of all we do. We seek his presence, his leading and follow his example.
- Community - We value relationship and seek to grow authentic community.
- Faith - Hope - Love - We want to be clothed in audacious faith, insurmountable hope and extravagant love.
- Kingdom lifestyle - We want to cultivate kingdom lifestyles of honour and generosity.
- Spiritual disciplines - We embrace spiritual disciplines to empower supernatural lives.
- Sacrifice - We want to live humble and sacrificial lives, that serve others.
- Extend - We are committed to advancing the kingdom of God through proclamation and good works.

Expectations of people who call All Nations their family

1. Worship - That you will be committed to our gathering and worship on a Sunday
 2. Prayer - To pray together as a Church family
 3. Community - In a life group, walking this journey with others
 4. Giving - Following the Biblical principal and command of worshipping God with a portion of your income
 5. Serving - Find an area to serve in and be a champion
- I want to remind of us our Values and to help new family members to hear and know them
 - The aim being that we all be committed to making these OUR values
 - These were birthed out of a direct response to the Lord in creating a culture that welcomes and sustains a Holy Spirit environment
 - They Our CODE - Family Values, the way we do things and a commitment we are making

Introduction

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:13**

- Last days, Turbulent days
- We need these powers living in us and we need to be living immersed in them.

But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. **1**

Thessalonians 5:8

- Eph 6 faith is shield
- Paul speaks of faith hope and love in the context of warfare and battle.
- Protection
- Spiritual force
- Moving ahead of you and around you creating destiny, opening doors and defeating the enemy

Define Biblical Love

- We use the word love very widely, perhaps even flippantly
- I love my wife, I love my daughter, I love chocolate, I love my dog, I love the weather, I love my car.
- Now our measure of love for chocolate and a child is not the same but we have used the same word.

In the bible the three most common words for love are:

- Eros, which is sexual or romantic love.
- Philea which is a brotherly love toward someone we really like.
- Agape, which is the deepest love, which is based on doing good things for another person. It is an unconditional

Gods love has been poured into our hearts

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. **Romans 5:5 NLT**

Define biblical agape love from 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. [4] Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. [8] Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. [12] For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. [13] And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Love is: -

- Love is **Patient** - enduring or capable of enduring; tolerant of, consistent
- Love is **Kind** - affectionate, loving, fond, pleasant, grateful, thankful, soft, tender, easy to work with or live with.
- Love does not **Envy** - a feeling of resentful or discontented longing aroused by another person's better fortune or situation
- Love does not **Boast** - praise one's self; brag, claim proudly, show off.
- Love is not **Proud** - Having an excessively high, opinion of one's own worth or importance. Is worthy of oneself or one's position; characterised by self-respect.
- Love is not **Rude** - Ill-mannered, impolite; offensive or discourteous intentionally.
- Love is not **Self-seeking** - the seeking after one's own welfare before that of others, pursuit of selfish ends.
- is not **easily angered**,
- it **keeps no record of wrongs**
- Love is not **Easily angered** - extreme or passionate displeasure, wrath

- Love **always Protects** - defend or guard against injury or danger; shield from attack or assault; support, assist.
- Love **always Trusts** - faith or confidence in the loyalty, strength of a person; reliance on the truth of a statement.
- Love **always Hopes** - expectation of something desired a feeling of trust or confidence.
- Love **always Perseveres** - continue steadfastly or determinedly in a course of action or a condition or a state in the face of difficulty.
- Love **never fails**.

Love Looks like

- Jesus on the cross, father forgive them
- The Apostle Stephen being stoned to death and yet saying, do not hold this sin to their charge
- Paul ship wrecked, stoned, woe is me if I do not preach

Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. [24] Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. [25] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, [26] I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my own countrymen, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false brothers. [27] I have laboured and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. [28] Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches. **2 Corinthians 11:23-28**

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. **2 Corinthians 5:14**

Yet when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, for I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! **1 Corinthians 9:16**

- David Wilkerson with Nicky Cruz in New York - 'I am going to cut you into little pieces' Nicky Cruz. 'And everyone if those pieces will cry out, God loves you Nicky.' David Wilkerson

- Elizabeth Eliot going and living with the wild Auca tribe that had speared her husband to death, so that she could reach them for Christ.
- Mother Theresa - living with the poorest, dirty, sick people of the world
- Paul Gutteridge praying for a demonised witch - Be Free

As a Christian you are commanded to love

Jesus replied: " `Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. [39] And the second is like it: `Love your neighbour as yourself.' [40] All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:37-40**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. [35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." **John 13:34-35**

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. **James 2:8**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. [8] Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **1 Peter 4:7-8**

Limitless, - without limit; boundless: limitless ambition; limitless space
Unstoppable - that cannot be stopped or surpassed; unbeatable:

- Limitless because it's God's love that has been poured into our hearts
- I believe it is our most powerful weapon
- Many strategies, plans and methods fail but Love never fails

Guard against Cold Love

Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, [13] but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. **Matthew 24:12-13**

- Our love is a great measure as to where we are really at with the Lord.
- Because of the increase of wickedness.
- Is your love hot, passionate and flowing freely?
- Has your love become cold, calculated and measured?

Love is all about giving, it is selfless.

- J esus first
- O thers second
- Y ourself last

Conclusion

- Cloth yourself with love it's the most attractive garment you can wear
- It is a power
- Love never fails
- Ooze this love
- It's a choice, a decision
- It is relational, as you grow in your love for God, your love for people will also grow
- The love that reaches furthest starts the closest, love starts at home

We love because he first loved us. [20] If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. [21] And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother. **1 John 4:19-21**

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. [17] In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.
1 John 4:16-17