

Matters for Prayer

- Kate Appleby • Australian Christian Lobby • Herald of Hope
- Christian Blind Mission • The Crow family, Goroka, PNG
- Jacob Damkani, Trumpet of Salvation, Israel • Young Life
- Island Outreach Ministries, Bohol, Philippines
- Maranatha Christian School, Talibon, Philippines
- Samaritan's Purse & Operation Christmas Child
- Pascal and Rebekah Somandin, MAF
- Lael and Laura Luxford, South Sudan
- Sri Lankan Fellowship • Korean Fellowship
- Those sick amongst the fellowship
- That the Gospel will continue to be proclaimed through Capital Bible Church

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Welcome to Capital Bible Church

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Proclaiming Christ, Teaching and Living in the Word of God

Newsletter – May 2018



Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith
Hebrews 12:2

Please join us on Sunday for the service
and for morning tea and fellowship

Thoughts on the Scriptures

1Corinthians 13:13 'And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.'

What is known as the 'love' chapter of scripture ends with the affirmation that love is the greatest of all the gifts. This is because of the nature of love: love never fails (1Co 13:8a). Love is an attribute that continues and lasts forever. Other gifts such as prophecy, speaking in tongues and knowledge will pass but love will remain for eternity.

The word for love in 1 Corinthians 13 is *agapē*. It is the strongest type of love. Not an emotional 'feeling' but a deep sense of love. According to John MacArthur love in this context is 'an act of self-sacrifice. It is humility. It is meeting needs and doing what God wants us to do. There's no self-seeking, pride, selfishness, self-glory, or vanity in love.'¹

Love is not a feeling, or an emotion rather love is an action. As the band DC Talk sing 'Love is a verb.' It is a conscious decision to love someone and to continue to love them. There are clear applications here for a marriage; a husband and wife making a commitment to love each other for the rest of their lives. However, in the context of 1 Corinthians the application is for the church. The church is to be loving each other. The church is to be acting in the way described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. The church is to be making a commitment to be loving each other.

Will we always agree with each other? No. Will we always 'feel' love towards each other? No. But are we to love each other? Yes. We, as members of the church, are to be genuinely loving each other. Not in a superficial way but with genuine care for one another. That is what distinguishes us from the world and makes us the church. Not being self-seeking but acting in love.

¹ <https://www.gty.org/library/study-guides/47/The-Greatest-of-These>

May at Capital Bible Church

Date	Time	Event
Tuesday 1 st	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 6 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10 am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Karl Irving Galatians 1:1-9 Sandwich Sunday
Tuesday 8 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 13 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Galatians 1:10-2:10 Morning Tea: Luz
Tuesday 15 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting
Sunday 20 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: PJ Stringfellow Gal 2:11-21 Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 22 nd	7.30pm	Creation Ministries International
Sunday 27 th	9.30 am	Family Prayer
	10am	Family Worship Service Speaker: Ian Daley Galatians 3:1-14 Morning Tea: TBA
Tuesday 29 th	7.30pm	Prayer Meeting

Bible Studies

- Woman's Bible study – Thursday 10.30am
- Friday Young Adults Bible Study – Friday Fortnightly – See PJ