



Cornerstone Church OF KNOXVILLE

Main point: We are called to a life of love

Point 1: We are changed by the gospel

Point 2: We are called to a life of love

Application 1: Love one another in the church

Application 2: Share the gospel with those outside the church

#1 : “In any given worship service a dozen young, idealistic Clarence Thomas’s might be present, full of anger about racism, or global warming, or abortion...or homelessness, or poverty...or human trafficking...or the treatment of illegal aliens...And then they hear me announce that today we are going to talk about the way a person can be born again. And they might react like Clarence Thomas did and simply walk out and say, ‘That has nothing to do with the real problems this world is facing’...They would be wrong – doubly wrong. They would be wrong, in the first place, in failing to see that what Jesus meant by the new birth is supremely relevant for racism and global warming...and all the other issues of our day....And they would be wrong, secondly, in thinking that those issues are the most important issues in life. They aren’t. They are life-and-death issues. But they are not the most important because they deal with the relief of suffering during this brief earthly life, not the relief of suffering during the eternity that follows...they deal with how to maximize well-being now for eighty years or so, but not with how to maximize well-being in the presence of God for eighty trillion years and more.”

John Piper
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#2: Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

#3: James 1:18

Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

#4: Galatians 5:6

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

#5: 1 Timothy 1:5

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

#6: Matthew 4:4

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

#7:

“These three verses constitute one sentence that centers on the imperative ‘crave’ (v.2). That craving is essential to the healthy growth of the new life. The obligation to grow involves the negative duty to remove all hindrances to growth (v.1), and the positive duty to actively appropriate nourishment that furthers growth (v.2).”

Edmond Hiebert

1 Peter

#8: Proverbs 14:30

A tranquil heart gives life to the flesh,
but envy makes the bones rot.

#9:

“This is probably the most important verse in the Bible concerning the relationship between the new birth and our role in how it comes about in other people.”

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