

Perfect Love - Part 2

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of loving God and others, and the need to make a change and follow God's word in order to experience His love and blessings.

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Scripture: Matthew 20:1

Topics: "Love"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of aligning our lives with God's word. He acknowledges that there may be disagreements and conflicts among people, but that does not change the truth of God's word. The preacher warns that in the end times, we will have to choose between following God's word or succumbing to the spirit of the antichrist. He urges the congregation to make a change in their lives if they want to break free from defeat, bitterness, fear, and other negative emotions. The preacher also encourages the congregation to love and serve God wholeheartedly, and to trust in Him rather than in man.

Transcript

Jesus gave us a parable of that. He went out and looked at the marketplace and he found them standing there with nobody hiring them to go to work. He hired them and put them out there.

He went back another hour and hired some more and put them in his vineyard. He went back and hired some more in the eleventh hour. He went back and hired those that were standing.

No man had hired them. It came the time of day to pay off. Everyone received a penny.

The ones that had worked in the early morning and the toil of the day and the hot heat of the sun begin to grovel and complain and say, listen, we've labored all day and they have only labored an hour and you're paying them just as much. He said, the Lord said unto him, have I done thee wrong? Did not I agree with you? Have not I paid you what I hired you for? Can I do with what mine is to who I want to do it with? It's in my power to do what I want to do with it. I haven't done you any wrong.

When I hired you, you agreed to work all day for a penny. And if I want to give a man a penny to work one hour, that's my business. You have no right to get jealous.

You have no right to get upset. You have no right to have envy in your heart. You have no right to judge me that I'm unjust in doing what I do with what what is mine.

So we today have no right to tell God that he has not a right to bless some of these people that you don't think ought to get blessed, that you don't think ought to get healed. Maybe they come out of the hog pen, big brother, and maybe they're coming home. The Bible says the well need not a physician.

Amen. The well need not a physician. Maybe there's somebody out there that's just woke up and come to themselves and said, what a fool I've been.

All these years I've wasted my life. I've sold my wild oats. I went out and laid with harlots and I prayed and drank and on dope.

Or maybe I've been bound with all kinds of sins and things of this and I see what a fool I've been now. I want Jesus to be my savior. I want to come to him.

I want to live for him. And that's the reason you don't see the breakthrough in the altar calls. And I'm going to say this tonight.

You say you might ought to save this to the last night. No, the ones that's really on God's side will be back tomorrow night, if they possibly can. But I want to tell you something, brother, this is an hour that you need to take notice of who's really got God.

When you give an altar call and you can't find people that'll come down and pray concerned about a man or woman's soul. And when you give an altar call at the end of the service and the people that are supposed to be praying and on fire for God get up and go home without coming down trying to get that person saved and praying them through to the Holy Ghost. There's something wrong.

I had a man to come to my church and he sat in the service three nights. He wanted to hold a revival for us. The deacons came to me and said, what are you going to do? I said, I'll let you know the third night.

What I'm going to do? Well, I'm going to hold a meeting tonight. I got up and preached and I gave an altar call. And soon as I gave the altar call, the preacher shot out the door and went home.

The second night, the same thing. The third night, the same thing. He called me the next day on the phone and said, well, what do you think? You think I could come in that hell with a man? I said, no, you can't.

A man or a woman, I don't care how much salvation you possess or claim to have. I don't care how much you got until you get a burden for souls. The Bible said, he that winneth souls is wise.

Though I pray for the sick, though I cast out devils in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, everything I do is geared to get a soul saved. You may not be aware of that. Every one, everything I do is geared to get their attention back on the Lord Jesus Christ.

We've got to start abiding in this love, friends. We cannot continue on as we're going. Divided, we fall together, we stand.

Do you understand? What's going to happen? The time is over. You said, well, you're wasting your time, Brother Walden. There's only one church in here.

I know that. And I'm in it. You said, well, you're not in it unless you're in our church.

I'm in the church, the church that he's ahead of, the church, Brother, that he rules and governs. The church is filled with his agape love. The church that every member is fitly joined together by the Spirit of God.

Do you understand what I'm talking about? I'm in that church. I'm in the one that he said, I'm the way, the truth and the life. I went through the door and Jesus said, I'm the door.

My shepherd is Jesus Christ. I know that God's got other shepherds too, but I know we've got one chief shepherd over all the shepherds and that's the one we're gonna have to give an account of at the judgment day. Do you love the Lord? We better get ourselves straightened out.

I wish I could come in here and just have prayer lines and pray for you folks and see things happen, but the devil mocks us. The devil stands off and laughs and he'll go and all over the community, everywhere and in churches. Say, well, someone was there last night and I've seen him pray and now know they was a good saint and said they didn't get anything.

So they ain't nothing to that preacher, nothing to that pastor. That's what the devil wants you to do. He wants, he wants you to get the eyes, your eyes in that direction, but they don't want you to know what's in the heart.

That's the reason many times, and you, you know, if you're in my meetings very much, I'll stop the prayer line. If I'm having a prayer line, I say, listen, you've got something in your heart. If they will admit it, then God will forgive them.

If they don't, I don't say a word. I just let them go because God's not going to heal a liar. God's not going to go around healing the devil, destroy his works.

He's against the kingdom of the devil. You've got to want this thing. God does not force himself on anybody, but he opens himself up to whosoever will.

Amen. Amen. Friends tonight, I love you, but we are in a spiritual warfare today like never before.

These religious demons have got a hold of people and you can be so religious that every time you turn around, you get more religious. But without that born again experience and the power of God and love of God in your heart, I don't care if you give your body to be burned. I don't care if you prophesy.

I don't care what you do according to Corinthians, the 13th chapter. I don't care what it is without that agape love, that charity. You become up at the end of great big zero, and that means nothing.

But brother Walden, you don't know what this man has done to me. I want to tell you a little story. Before I was saved, a man done me so dirty.

He done me so low down, treated me terrible. Before I was saved, now listen to this. Before I was saved, he done something to me, and I got hate in my heart.

I even loaded the gun to kill a man. Hadn't it been for God and my prayers of my mom and dad, I guess I'd have done it. That was before I was saved.

But God saved my soul, and when he did, one day I happened to be visiting this home, and this man walked in, and I reached over and took him by the hand and looked him straight in the face, and I said, sir, I love you. I love you. That man dropped his head and walked out of that house.

I've never seen that man to speak to him since that day, but I don't have that hate in my heart towards that man today. I'd put shoes on his feet today. I'd give him the coat off of my back if he needed today, though he done me wrong, and he's never asked me to forgive him for the wrong that he done me, but I forgave him.

I went to him and told him I love him. I don't have nothing against him. God in heaven knows that, but I want to tell you something, neighbor.

This is an hour that we better get our lives straightened up according to the word of God, not according to the creeds or the doctrines of your church or some man's order, but according to God's word, according to God's word. It's got to line up, line up on line and precept upon precept. I know that there's a lot of people.

If I were to go down each line, I could find something about you tonight that I wouldn't like, and you could find things about me that you don't like, and some of you has already found that out tonight, but that doesn't make God's word change one bit. That doesn't give you a right to break God's word. We are all in this thing together, and there'll come a time, hallelujah, when we'll line up with God's word.

Either we'll line up with the spirit of the antichrist and take the mark of the beast. This is the hour we're living in, but brother Walden, you don't understand. I do understand.

Not long ago, well it's been several years now, I was down in the states, and in just a short period of weeks, I met 18 different groups of people that would have sworn on a stack of bibles if they had to, and they come to me and said, brother Walden, if you're not in our church, then you're not in the bride, you're not a member of the bride, you've got to be in our church, you've got to believe exactly what we believe, you've got to stand there. 18 of them in just a few weeks have got that kind of a idea in their minds. Brother, God's not a bigamist.

He's got one church, one bride. He knows who his bride is. We're a bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh and spirit of his spirit.

Hallelujah, he's our example. I want you to know he's coming back after church without spot or recall. He's coming back after one holy.

He's coming back after one field with his love. He's coming back after one neighbor that's watching and praying for him and seeking the face of God. Do you get what I'm talking about? Hallelujah.

Praise God. I can't help it if I get excited. I know what I'm talking about.

Brothers and sisters, listen, we've got to follow God and we can't follow him and have hate in our hearts. We can't do it with invent strife. You can't do it.

You just can't do it. Have you ever stopped to wonder? Now I'll ask you a question tonight and I want to drive it home to you. Have you ever stopped to wonder why some of you folks have got in prayer line after prayer line of ministers and have anointing oil put on you? Every time one comes through you, pastor, every time he prays for the sick and you never get healed? Have you ever stopped to wonder how come

how one of these little ones here that comes maybe not even dressed to go to church that doesn't even know anything about the baptism of the Holy Ghost, that don't know anything and they stand here and you see the arthritis leave them, you see the death years go, you see them there and here you are that speaks in tongues and prophecies and shouts and dance and can't get God to heal you.

Does God have respect a person? What is wrong? I was in Subbury, Ontario and a lady come up and she dressed holy. She looked holy and I mean she was dressed just like a holy person dresses and I believe in dressing right and I believe in dressing like the Bible says and living like the Bible says. I want you to know that I walked over and laid my hands on her head and she said I've been having migraine headaches for three years and they have not let up and I just can't stand no more and she's standing just like this, just like God owed her some kind of a favor and so I prayed for her and she went off just like she come up there.

Nothing happened whatsoever. I turned and I looked and here was a little 16 year old girl that had just happened to be passing by the schoolhouse and it was snowing outside and she come in to see what all the cars was doing there and got interested in what was taking place and got in the prayer line and she was standing there and I turned and I said what do you want the Lord to do for you? Standing there dressed not even decent to come into the house of God. Now some of you ain't gonna like this but God didn't call me to please man.

I gotta please him. She grabbed me by the hand. She didn't know any better and she said first thing sir if I've committed any sins I want God to forgive me of them.

That's the first words that came from her lips when I asked her the question and then she went on and she said I have been had migraine headaches since I was 13 years old. Three years. I took the highest power dope that a doctor can give.

They can't give me any more high power dope. I've tried everything. I continually, my head grows worse.

I can't stand it. I want to beat it against the wall and I said oh God you've heard her cries and instantly she was healed and came back to the house of God dressed decent and testified that she hadn't had one more headache. This woman stood there proud that what she was.

Stood there with a proud. The Bible said he hates a proud look and a lying tongue. Proudness and lying goes together.

Do you understand? Do you understand? This woman never did get healed. A little old lady came in the same meeting crippled up with arthritis walking like this. A husband beside of her.

That's the way she had to walk. Couldn't hardly walk in. All warped and twisted with this rheumatoid arthritis.

She was a catholic. I said will you accept the Lord Jesus Christ and go on and follow all of his commands. I prayed for her and this is no lie.

You can go to Subbaron and ask the people. Now notice this and when she fell on the platform under the power of God you could hear her bones cracked as they unwound and loosened up from the arthritis. She stood up on her feet healed just like that.

Her husband standing there didn't know what to make of it and said pray for me. I don't know where he fainted or where he went out on the power. What happened to him? But I know his wife got healed.

Now I'm going to say this tonight. I love my brothers and my sisters and I believe this what I'm talking about the Pentecostal experience because I believe it's right. I believe in the gifts of the spirit and speaking in tongues and water baptism and calling on the name of the Lord.

I believe all of this. I believe this. But it's a shame to say this tonight.

I guess I find that less majority of the people get healed that's got the Holy Ghost than the people that don't have it. Everywhere I go it's because they've got something in their hearts or either they're filled with pride. I love you brothers.

I love you sisters. I love my fellow minister brothers. But until we get the right attitude toward one another and take this that God has given us and destroy and begin to destroy the works of the devil instead of trying to destroy one another.

We're not going to get anything from God. God will raise up a whole new crop and pour out his spirit upon these babies that's just coming up. These babies it's just crying out of our father.

These babies are just hungry. Do you understand? We've got to come together in the love of God and defend our brother with the word of God. We can't stand by and let them talk about this man.

Somebody say something about this man you go to war for him. And if you know something on this man you don't tell the whole church before you go to that man. You don't go in the whole church and say I heard so and so.

I was in a church holding revival not long ago. A man come into me and said I want to talk to you brother Wally. Come in and he started talking to me and said I want to tell you something.

Said so and so. One of the brothers come to me and said listen it's all over the church about what's happened here. I said all right who told it? Said well I told it.

I said why didn't you go to this man and tell him? You are wrong. I don't care how much Holy Ghost you got. You are wrong.

The Bible says go to thy brother. Go to him first and if he can be reconciled to you that's fine. Don't never let the church know anything about it.

Then if he don't go get some elders in the church. And then if he will not hear the elders then bring him before the church. And if he will not hear the church then count him as a heathen.

And he says rebuke a man and if you repent forgive him. If he don't repent you don't have to see. Let him go on his way as a heathen.

You understand? Friends tonight I feel it kind of warm in here don't you? But it ain't because the thermostat's been turned up. I'm trying to get your hearts right. You say but brother Walden I've got a grudge against somebody.

You better get it out of your heart. You better get it out of your heart. You said yeah but they don't believe like me.

Brothers and sisters listen they never will as long as you are trying to cram something down their throat without the love of God and putting vinegar on what you're trying to cram down down the throat see. They never will. They never will do it.

You've got to love people. You can't drive people. You got to lead people.

You drive goats and lead sheep. Amen. You love the Lord.

Isn't he wonderful? Oh my God children tonight. What are we going to do? Are we going to continue on in the way we're going? Let me tell you something. Now I felt tonight that some of you just a minute ago withdrew draw back from what I was saying and said oh I don't hear nothing of that.

I was facing a problem and I was telling this to a building contractor and I said I don't know what to do. I prayed about it. I asked others about it.

I don't know what to do about it brother. He was sitting in his truck his construction truck where he was going to his job and he looked at me and he said brother Walden remember I'll never forget these words of wisdom as long as I live. He said remember the future will be just exactly like the past lest there become a change.

I didn't say nothing. I stood there. Now if I don't want things to be like they are keep going like they're going I've got to make a change somehow for them to change what's happening.

If you don't want to keep going like you're going you don't want to keep being defeated by the devil. You don't want to keep having this bitterness and hate and nightmares and taking sleeping pills to sleep with and trusting putting your faith in man and can't trust in God and every time a little something happens you got fear of failure. Our hearts and your homes on the rocks and your children is is going out and doing things and you won't forgive and you won't pray and you won't fast and you won't seek God.

Come on you. You love the Lord? You love the Lord? You love the Lord? Isn't he wonderful? Isn't he wonderful? Isn't he wonderful? Do you love him tonight? The Lord will not confirm a lie. The Lord will not confirm the words of a lie.

The Lord only confirms his word when it's preached in the spirit of truth. You understand? He only confirms his word when it's preached in the word of truth. Only confirms his word when it's preached in the word of truth.

Amen. We're in bad shape folks. We're in bad shape.

We've got 113 groups in Jesus name. Pentecostal folks. All of them fight one another.

Just about it. We've got 57 varieties of the trinitians. Pentecostal folks.

All talking tongues. All prophesying. They all fight one another.

Just about it. Even the same organizations of preachers can't even get along here. We've got over 500 groups of Baptists and you can't find the hard-shelled Baptists and the streaky-headed Baptists in the

south and the freewill Baptists and the missionary Baptists and the southern Baptists and the northern Baptists.

None of them gets along. We've got three or four kinds of Presbyterians. We've got three or four kinds of Catholics.

We've got all kinds of different kinds of churches and none of them gets along. Now it's a shame. It's a shame when when Jesus named people that baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ out of 113 groups besides the independents, fussing, fighting, can't get along.

It's a shame when the people that claim to have the Holy Ghost and the trinitarians that can't get along. It's a shame when the Baptists that claim to have the same Calvinistic doctrine and they can't get along. It's a shame when those that follow they can't get along.

There's something wrong. I'm going to tell you what it is. It's because we don't obey God's word and love our brothers and follow after his righteousness and do what he says do.

That's what's wrong. That's what's wrong. You can call me the devil if you want to.

I got a note in the offering last night calling me one. But I'm going to tell you one thing. I'm going to tell you one thing.

The devil always do rise up when you start trying to trying to come against him. The devil always does rise up. My God, I went to a church that didn't know didn't have this revelation of the message of Jesus Christ.

Preacher after preacher had been there and tried to tell him this truth and that truth and the other truth, lead him into this. He got sour and bitterness and didn't even want to see one of them coming toward him. I went there and preached the love of God.

The first thing you know he wanted to talk to me. I said well I'll talk to you later. I led him on and led him on and led him on till he got so hungry that I know that I could feed him what God wanted me to feed him.

Amen. Another thing we've got to realize that we've got babies in Christ. We've got to realize that we've got babies in Christ.

A man come to help me out of one of the large churches he encountered in a crusade and he was leading the group of young Christians and he was the head of it in the church in a large church and he he come and took off a week uh uh two and stayed with me to help lead my singing in one of my meetings and when he got back the one that he the people come flocking around him and said oh my so we're so glad to see you back he'd been gone two weeks now that we're so glad to see you back brother he said what's wrong so all of us babies need our diapers changed you've been gone too long there's a time that you have to do things like that babies have to be have to be taken care of why do you think he told Peter if you love me feed my lambs there's lambs and there's sheep you've got to know how to feed the lambs as well as the sheep do you understand do you love God tonight you say I don't want it oh my God folks if we can come together you'll see what God will do well you said they'll never do it but it's my job to preach it and tell them to anyhow whether you amen it's my job to tell you to do it but I can't tell you things that you ought to know when you're rebellious against the things that you already know when you can't do it you can't lead people like that folks your pastor can't do that we should never have all the trouble that we've got today among our ourselves as brothers and sisters we should bind together and work together and live

together and let God and if a man has got some truth of God's word you should want that truth whether it's in your creeds or your doctrines or not if it's God's words you should want that truth do you understand what I'm talking about certainly you should want that truth maybe you've never heard it but it's God's word and maybe you never heard it that way but you need that truth oh praise his name hallelujah

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