



LOVE



THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY



PUTTING PROPER EMPHASIS ON LOVE

- Marks of the N.T. church/christians
 - John 13:35, “*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*”
 - Do we emphasize this as a “mark” of the N.T. church?
 - As you read throughout the book of Acts, you find out how intense their love for one another was.



THE GREATEST DEFINITION

- Patient
- Kind
- Does not envy
- Does not boast
- Is not arrogant
- Is not rude
- Does not insist on its own way
- Is not irritable
- Is not resentful
- Does not rejoice at wrongdoing
- Rejoices with the truth
- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Endures all things
- Never ends



LOVE TAKES THE FIRST STEP

- Love takes the initiative.
- God “first loved us” – I John 4
 - God not only took the first step, He did so while we were weak, ungodly, sinners, enemies (Rom. 5).
- If you need to reconcile with someone, LOVE THEM, by taking the initiative.
- Example of Hosea marrying Gomer.



3 MAIN LESSONS

- Let's put the correct emphasis on love.
- Don't wait for the other person.
- Praise God He took the initiative with Jesus.

