# Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 1

Loving the Lord and Loving One Another—the Most Excellent Way for Us to Be Anything and Do Anything for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

# Monday 1/2

#### 2 Thes. 1:3

**3** We ought to thank God always concerning you, brothers, even as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly and the love of each one of you all to one another is increasing,

## **Titus 3:15**

**15** All who are with me greet you. Greet those who love us in faith. Grace be with you all.

#### 1 Tim. 1:14

**14** And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

### Gal. 5:6

**6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything nor uncircumcision, but faith avails, operating through love.

## Eph. 6:23-24

23 Peace to the brothers and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**24** Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruptibility.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 1* 

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: A Bird's Eye View of the Gospel of John

# Tuesday 1/3

# Eph. 5:25

25 Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

# 2 Cor. 5:14-15

14 For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died:

**15** And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.

## Eph. 4:15-16

15 But holding to truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, Christ, 16 Out from whom all the Body, being joined together and being knit together through every joint of the rich supply and through the operation

joint of the rich supply and through the operation in the measure of each one part, causes the growth of the Body unto the building up of itself in love.

#### Rev. 2:4-5

**4** But I have one thing against you, that you have left your first love.

**5** Remember therefore where you have fallen from and repent and do the first works; but if not, I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place, unless you repent.

#### Psa. 27:4

**4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; That do I seek: To dwell in the house of Jehovah All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in His temple.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 2* 

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: The Mystery of the Divine Trinity in John 14

# Wednesday 1/4

# 1 John 4:8, 19

**8** He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**19** We love because He first loved us.

# 1 Cor. 12:31

**31** But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And moreover I show to you a most excellent way.

# 1 Cor. 13:4-8, 13

4 Love suffers long. Love is kind; it is not jealous. Love does not brag and is not puffed up; 5 It does not behave unbecomingly and does not seek its own things; it is not provoked and does

not take account of evil;

**6** It does not rejoice because of unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

7 It covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never falls away. But whether prophecies, they will be rendered useless; or tongues, they will cease; or knowledge, it will be rendered useless.

13 Now there abide faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 3* 

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: Four Steps Taken by the Word in His Relationship with Man

# Thursday 1/5

1 Cor. 12:31 See Wednesday

1 Cor. 13:13 See Wednesday

## 2 Tim. 1:6-7

**6** For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

7 For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

#### Matt. 5:48

**48** You therefore shall be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.

## Rom. 12:11

11 Do not be slothful in zeal, but be burning in spirit, serving the Lord.

## 1 Cor. 9:22

22 To the weak I became weak that I might gain the weak. To all men I have become all things that I might by all means save some.

## Eph. 5:2

**2** And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 4* 

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: He Who Has Seen the Son Having Seen the Father; the Son Being in the Father, and the Father Being in the Son

# Friday 1/6

## John 21:16 See Lord's Day

#### 1 Pet. 5:2-4

- **2** Shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion but willingly, according to God; not by seeking gain through base means but eagerly;
- **3** Nor as lording it over your allotments but by becoming patterns of the flock.
- **4** And when the Chief Shepherd is manifested, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

#### John 10:10b, 11

**10b** I have come that they may have life and may have it abundantly.

11 I am the good Shepherd; the good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

#### Acts 20:28

**28** Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

## Heb. 13:20

**20** Now the God of peace, He who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, in the blood of an eternal covenant,

#### 1 Pet. 2:25

25 For you were like sheep being led astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**Further Reading:** *HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 5* 

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: The Son Speaking While the Father Was Working; the Father and the Son Coinhering...

# Saturday 1/7

## Psa. 23:1 See Lord's Day

### 2 Cor. 7:3-4

**3** I do not say this to condemn you, for I have said before that you are in our hearts for our dying together and our living together.

4 Great is my boldness toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf; I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

## 2 Cor. 12:15

**15** But I, I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent on behalf of your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved less?

## Eph. 4:1-2, 11-12

- 1 I beseech you therefore, I, the prisoner in the Lord, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,
- 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, bearing one another in love,
- 11 And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,
- 12 For the perfecting of the saints unto the work of the ministry, unto the building up of the Body of Christ.

## Philem. 7, 12

7 For I had much joy and encouragement over your love, because the inward parts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

12 Him I have sent back to you-him, that is, my very heart-

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 1, Day 6

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 4, Section: Those Who Believe into the Son Doing Greater Works—Dispensing Christ through Speaking

# Lord's Day 1/8

#### Psa. 23:1-6

1 Jehovah is my Shepherd; I will lack nothing.2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside waters of rest.

- **3** He restores my soul; He guides me on the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- **4** Even though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death, I do not fear evil, For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, They comfort me
- **5** You spread a table before me In the presence of my adversaries; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.
- 6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me All the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of Jehovah For the length of my days.

### John 21:12-13, 15-17

- 12 Jesus said to them, Come and have breakfast. But none of the disciples dared to inquire of Him, Who are you? knowing that it was the Lord.
- 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise.
- 15 Then when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Feed My lambs.
- **16** He said to him again a second time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, You know that I love You. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep.
- 17 He said to him the third time, Simon, son of John, do you love Me? Peter was grieved that He said to him the third time, Do you love Me? And he said to Him, Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep.

# Hymns, #431

# **Further Reading:**

CWWL, 1994–1997, vol. 5, "How to Be a Coworker and an Elder and How to Fulfill Their Obligations," ch. 4