

CHARITY & ITS FRUITS

Review-**Sermon 3**- “Nothing can make up for want of sincerity in the heart”-1 Cor. 13:3

“All which men can _____, and all which they can _____, will not make up for the want of sincerity in the heart.”

“There may be great performances and great sufferings without _____...nothing that men can do in religion will ever be accepted instead of truth and uprightness.”

“Many of the heathen have been eminent for _____ performances. Some of them have been eminent for justice, and other for their great deeds which they have done for the public good...Many have done great things from fears of hell, hoping thereby to appease the Deity, and make atonement for their sins; and many have done great things from pride and from vainglory.”

“There are accounts of some who have died martyrs to _____ religions, though not in any way in such numbers, nor in such a manner, as those who have died martyrs to the true religion. But if many may expose themselves to death for a false religion from natural principles, so without doubt they may from the same principles expose themselves to suffer for the true religion.”

“Whatever men do or suffer, they _____ by all make up for the want of sincerity in the heart.”

Reason 1: “It is not the external work done, or the suffering undergone, that is in itself anything _____ in the sight of God...If God stood in any need of these things, they might be of value to Him in themselves considered...”

Reason 2: “Whatever is done or suffered, yet if the _____ is withheld there is nothing really given to God...”

Reason 3: “Love or charity is the sum of what God requires from us...it is most absurd to suppose that anything can make up for the want of that which is the sum of _____ that God requires.”

Reason 4: “If we make a great show of respect to God in which we do without sincerity of heart, it is but...a practical _____ unto God.”

Reason 5: “Let what may be done and suffered if there be not sincerity of heart, it is but an offering to some _____...it is true that by doing great things and suffering great things something is worshipped; but it is not God that is worshipped.

“If it be so, let this put us upon examine ourselves whether or no we have _____ of heart.”

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Review-**Sermon 4-part 1**- “Long-Suffering and Kindness”-1 Cor. 13:4

“_____ is a great part of the Christian spirit...meekness, as it respects injuries received from men, is called long-suffering in Scripture, and is often mentioned as an exercise of the Christian spirit.”

“Injuries offered should be borne without doing anything to _____ them. When persons are going about to revenge an injury, then they no longer bear it.”

“He may _____ his neighbor; but if he does, it will be with politeness and without bitterness, which still shows the design to be only to exasperate.”

“We should not cease to love our neighbor because he does us injury; we may _____ him, but not hate him for it.”

“Injuries which are suffered disturb the _____ of the mind and put into a rustle and tumult, then it ceases to bear those injuries...”

“And we should not only thus bear a few injuries but a great many, and though our neighbor continues his injurious treatment to us a _____ time.”

“Though we may defend ourselves at last when we have a kind of _____ for it, though not out of any revenge to him who injures, but only in our own lawful self-defense; yet even this, in many cases, is to be forbore for peace, and out of a charitable spirit to our neighbor, and loathsome to hurt him.”

“Love to God disposes men to _____ God; and therefore disposes them to such long-suffering as He manifests”

“Love to God will dispose persons thus to express their _____ for his long suffering exercised toward us.”

“Love to God tends to _____ which is one main root of a meek and long-suffering spirit...for he that is little and unworthy in his own eyes will not think so much of the heinousness of injuries offered to him, as he that has an exalted opinion of himself, for it is a greater and higher crime to offend one that is great and high than one that is mean and vile. It is pride which is very much the foundation of high and bitter resentment and revengeful spirit.”

“Love to God disposes men to have _____ to the hand of God in the injuries they suffer and not only to the hand of men, and meekly to submit to His will therein.”

“Love to God disposes men meekly to bear the injuries which they receive, because it sets persons very much _____ the injuries of men...the more men love God, the more they will place all their happiness in God; they will look on God as their all, and this happiness and portion is what men cannot touch. The more they love God, the less their set their heart on their worldly interests, which is all that their enemies can touch.”

“Long-suffering and forbearing one another are the fruit of love...Love will bear with a multitude of faults and covers all sins...love is of a nature directly _____ to bitter resentment and revenge, for revenge has ill will. But this is the reverse of love; and no wonder that love tends to keep out its contrary; no wonder that one contrary tends to destroy another.”

“Consider the example which _____ hath set. He was a meek spirit and of a meek, long-suffering behavior.”

“If we are not disposed meekly to bear injuries, we are not fitted to live in such a world as this, for we can _____ no other than to meet with many injuries in this world. We do not live in heaven, or a world of purity, innocence and love. We dwell in a fallen, corrupt, miserable, wicked world; a world that is very much under the reign and dominion of sin.”