

The Fruit of the Spirit

(including a nine part series on Covenantal Love)

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[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church Part 1](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | Attributes of Covenantal Love

Exodus 32:18-34:7; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

SUN 06/03/2012

The Apostle summarized this point thus “Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. Charity (agape love) is like the life blood of your body. Without it you die. It is also true of the church as a whole. If Christ examined our love, what would He declare?

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The necessity of covenantal love
- II. Covenantal love is patient
- III. Covenantal love is kind

Keywords — love charity agape

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 2](#)

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Psalms 103; 1 Corinthians 13

SUN 06/10/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The longsuffering love of God
- II. The kindness and love of God in Christ
- III. Redeemed to be an instrument of God's charity

Keywords — love charity agape kind kindness

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 3](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Deuteronomy 7:6-11

SUN 06/17/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The contented love of God
- II. The humble love of God in Christ
- III. Redeemed to be an instrument of God's charity

Keywords — love charity agape envy pride humility contentment content

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 4](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Deuteronomy 7:6-11

SUN 06/24/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The extensive love of God
- II. The self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ
- III. Redeemed to be an instrument of God's charity

Keywords — love charity agape denial self

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 5](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Psalm 37:1-11

SUN 07/01/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. God overcomes evil with good
- II. Charity is not overcome by evil
- III. Charity overcomes evil thoughts

Keywords — love charity agape evil good

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 6](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | Attributes of Covenantal Love

1 Corinthians 13; Isaiah 61:8-11

SUN 07/15/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. God hates wickedness and loves righteousness
- II. We are saved for the purpose of holiness
- III. Do you oppose iniquity and rejoice in the truth?

Keywords — love charity agape iniquity wickedness truth holiness

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 7](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Exodus 19:3-6

SUN 07/22/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Charity bears up our commitments & callings
- II. Charity bears with the infirmity of others
- III. Charity covers over offenses (forbears)

Keywords — love charity agape covers bears forbears serve

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 8](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Psalm 5

TUE 08/14/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Our faith & hope are the results of God's charity
- II. God's charity believes all things
- III. God's charity hopes all things

Keywords — love charity agape faith trust believe hope

[Covenantal Love: The Lifeblood Of The Church, Part 9](#)

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1 Corinthians 13; Psalm 111

SUN 08/26/2012

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The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The sovereign grace of God shall endure all things
- II. His grace in the believer's heart endures all things
- III. The fruit of grace (i.e. love) endures all things

Keywords — love charity agape faith trust believe hope

[The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit
Philippians 4:4; Isaiah 35
SUN 09/02/2012

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is joy. This joy is a state of being as well as an emotional expression of that state. Because of who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us, we have joy and rejoice, no matter what circumstances we face in our lives.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. His joy is everlasting
- II. His joy is ours in Christ
- III. His joy expressed through our lives

Keywords — joy rejoice strength grace happiness

[He Is Our Peace](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit
Isaiah 53:4-6; Ephesians 2:13-18
SUN 09/09/2012

True, lasting peace must begin with God and not man. It is because we are reconciled to God through our mediator Jesus Christ that we can live at peace with one another. He truly is our peace and He calls us to be His peacemakers in a world at war.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. He is the ruler (prince) of peace
- II. He gives us His peace
- III. Blessed are the peacemakers

Keywords — peace shalom peacemaker Christ

[The Longsuffering Of Our Lord Is Salvation](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit
Exodus 33:12-34:9; 2 Peter 3:9-18
SUN 09/16/2012

God revealed Himself to Moses as the one who is longsuffering with our wickedness and sin. It is because of His mercy that we are not consumed. In His longsuffering we find our salvation, sanctification, and our calling to live to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. God's longsuffering with His elect people
- II. The Holy Spirit's longsuffering with us
- III. Our calling to be longsuffering

Keywords — prayer psalms long-suffering mercy salvation

[What Is Desired In A Person Is Kindness](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit

2 Samuel 9:1-13; Luke 10:25-37

SUN 09/23/2012

Scripture declares that “it is because of the Lord's mercy (kindness) that we are not consumed.” We owe our very existence to His lovingkindness and we are called to express our gratitude to our Lord by exercising kindness to others.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Who is my neighbor?
- II. God's kindness to us
- III. Our calling to put on kindness

Keywords — kindness kind fruit spirit

[No One Is Good - Except God Alone](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit

Psalm 107:1-22; Matthew 5:43-48

SUN 09/30/2012

Christ Jesus, as our chief prophet and teacher, revealed the Father as perfect in every way and the fountain of all goodness. In Christ, we find peace with God and are called to love even our enemies as He has loved us. This love is the result of the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. The Father of perfection
- II. Sons of the Father of perfection
- III. The fruit of the Spirit is all goodness

Keywords — good prophet love fruit

[God Is Faithful, Therefore Be Faithful](#)

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit

Deuteronomy 7:9-11; Hebrews 10:19-25

SUN 10/07/2012

The fruit of the Holy Spirit is faithfulness. It is because of His faithfulness that we can be faithful to our heavenly calling. Jesus commanded the church to “be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life” (Rev. 2:10).

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. What is it that we believe (confession)?
- II. What does it mean (reflection)?
- III. What must we do (application)?

Keywords — faithfulness faithful fruit spirit

The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Gentleness

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit

Isaiah 40:1-11; Ephesians 4:1-6

SUN 10/14/2012

Contrary to the world, we are called to express our thankfulness for what God has done for us by living our lives in humility and gentleness, reflecting the character of our Saviour.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Your gentleness has made me great
- II. Come unto me ... I am gentle and lowly in heart
- III. Walk worthy of your calling ... with all gentleness

Keywords — gentle gentleness meekness fruit spirit

The Fruit Of The Spirit Is Self-Control

Reverend Michael Voytek | The Fruits of the Spirit

1 Samuel 13:1-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

SUN 10/21/2012

God differentiates between two types of people and He calls us to do the same. We are either found in Christ or apart from Him. Self-control is an evidence of those in Christ, over whom the Holy Spirit exercises a controlling influence.

The sermon outline is as follows:

- I. Those who are not in Christ
- II. Those who are in Christ
- III. Self-control as a distinguishing mark

Keywords — fruit spirit self-control