



Sunday, February 15, 2015

Sermon Title: The Gospel to the Romans: “The Spirit’s Labor of Love”

Scripture Reading: John 17:18-26/Rom 5:4-10

1. **There is a supply of Grace, called the love of God, poured out. Why?**
 - a. Christ’s love *for* us: John 17:24—**desired**
 - b. Christ’s love *in* us: 2 Cor 3:6-7—**contained**
 - c. Christ’s love *to* us: Acts 7:55-56—**fulfilled**

2. **The Spirit sustains our assurance of hope:** vs 4-5
 - a. He works a reality of grace in the heart (faith through love): Rom 15:16
 - b. He keeps us abiding in Him: Eph 1:13/Rev 7:3/Ez 9:4
 - c. He always will: Phil 1:6/Ps 84:11

3. **He affirms God’s unchanging love in Christ: vs 6-8**
 - a. His love for us is unwarranted—(dead) unilateral act
 - b. It is above rare: 1 Pet 1:18, 29/2 Pet 1:1
 - c. He demonstrates and commends only His Son: vs 9

4. **God is reconciling the hostile sinner: vs 9-10**
 - a. Retrieving the rebel—(ask Paul): 1 Tim 1:12-15/Col 1:21
 - b. Preserving the reconciled—by His life: John 10:28/Gal 2:20/John 14:19

5. **Resulting in our rejoicing in God: vs 11**
 - a. The aim of the gospel: Rom 14:17
 - b. The benefits of a perfect reconciliation: Phil 4:4