

1 Love One Another - Sponges 1/4/26

John 13:34-35

“One & Another” 234x. “One another” 50x. Love one another 37x.

I. SOAK IT UP I John 4:10-12

A. Filled with His love Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. 2 sponges - one full, other nothing. **Video - Key word “saturated”**

1. Be filled with the Spirit Ephesians 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

a) Dip it in fellowship Hebrews 10:23-25

b) Dip it in the Word Psalm 119:165 Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them. Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

c) Dip it in prayer I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

2. Abide in His love John 15:7-12, 17

3. Increase more and more I Thessalonians 3:12-13 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness

before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints. I

Thessalonians 4:9-10 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more.

B. Heart filled with love I John 4:7-11

1. Our hearts full of sin Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **Video - Iodine - When I pick up the white sponge**

2. The blood of Christ cleanseth us I John 1:7 ...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

3. His begotten son I John 4:9, John 3:16

C. Heart of **stone** or sponge? **Rock in the water** You **allowed your heart to become hardened** Ezekiel

11:19-20 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart

out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:
That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine
ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people,
and I will be their God.

II. SCRUB I Peter 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.

A. Unfeigned Romans 12:9-10 Let love (**Agape**) be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned (**Storge**) one to another with brotherly love (**Phileo**); in honour preferring one another.

1. Forgiving Colossians 3:12-14

2. Cover a multitude of sin I Peter 4:8 And above all things have **fervent** charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

a) Stretch out The word “**fervant**” (I Peter 4:8 = “**the stretch out**” Mark 11:25-26 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there

rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

b) Fervently James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Boiling over

III. WITH JOY Galatians 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Love = Peach (pits) Lemon Joy Dishwashing Soap Philemon 1:7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

A. Break up the strife & vainglory Philippians 2:1-5

Video - Pepper - When I pick up the pepper

B. Clean up all your messes Luke 6:27-38

I Corinthians 13:1-8 Put your name in place of charity - Put the verses on the screen I will read vs 1-3 then we will read the rest out loud together