

# LOVE'S CAPACITY

## INTRO

If you are a child of God, the greatest capacity and potential you have to live and get along in a world full of hate is already poured into you when you got saved. It is the love of God shed abroad in your heart Romans 5:5.

### I. Capacity: A Measurement of Space and Capability.

- A. Capacity.
  - 1. The ability to contain, hold, receive, or absorb.
  - 2. The maximum amount of holding space.
  - 3. A measure of dimension or proportion (such as the total length, width, height, and depth.)
  - 4. Capability: the ability or qualifications for or to do; to render capable.
  - 5. Capacity makes capable or what makes something have potential, ability, and capability.
- B. Capacity makes capable. Whatever is poured in can be poured out.

### II. Capacity of the New Creation.

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:17 "New creation."
- B. Galatians 5:22,23 The fruit of the spirit is love...
- C. Romans 5:5 The love of God is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Ghost...
  - 1. To pour forth; to bestow; shed forth (abroad).
  - 2. To gush out; run out; spill.

### III. Love's Capacity.

- A. An unconditional capacity --no matter what people do or do not do Romans 5:8.
- B. A merciful capacity --no matter how unlovely and undeserving they are Matthew 5:44.
- C. A giving capacity --no matter if I receive anything back John 3:16.
- D. A sacrificial capacity-- no matter if there is nothing in it but cost to me Ephesians 5:2.
- E. An initiating capacity-- no matter if anyone loves me first 1 John 4:19.

### IV. Love Poured Out.

- A. John 13:34,35 We experienced it and are able to express it so it can be seen and known.
- B. 1 John 3:14 We know we passed from death to life because we love.
- C. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love poured out is:
  - 1. Longsuffering
  - 2. Kind
  - 3. Envy not
  - 4. Vaunts not itself
  - 5. Is not puffed up
  - 6. Does not behave unseemly
  - 7. Seeks not its own
  - 8. Is not easily provoked
  - 9. Thinks no evil
  - 10. Rejoices not in iniquity
  - 11. Rejoices in the truth
  - 12. Bears all things
  - 13. Believes all things
  - 14. Hopes all things
  - 15. Endures all things
  - 16. Never fails

## **V. Love's Choice.**

- A. Capacity: We must gain insight, illumination, knowledge, light, and insight of our capacity.
  - 1. Meditation in the Word.
  - 2. Confession of the Word.
- B. Choice: We must decide or choose to exercise it.
  - 1. It is not automatic.
  - 2. We may have experienced God's unconditional, merciful, sacrificial, giving, initiating love; but we must also express it.
  - 3. This love is:
    - a. Divine not human.
    - b. Supernatural not natural.
    - c. Spiritual not physical.