

Sermon Title: **“LIVE WHAT YOU ARE”**

Gal. 5:22-26; Col. 3:12-17; I Cor. 13:4-8a; Rom. 12:9-12; I John 4:7-16

- What if you ONLY had ONE Year from this moment left to live?
  - What changes would you make? How would your focus get reshaped?
- Who we ARE in Christ, should dictate how we live in Christ
  - Because of who we ARE in Christ, we ARE to live radically different (we ARE salt & we ARE light)
- As Believers in Christ, our lives are living testimonies (our daily lives are meant to bear fruit)
- In the Greek, the word “Fruit” is Singular (the Singularity of Fruit necessitates ALL MUST be present
  - These are NOT momentary attributes (where we temporarily wear them) But rather, these are life defining characteristics
- Am I a person characterized by being loving, joyful, at peace, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, & self-controlled?
- EVERYTHING we do & say is to be done in the name of Jesus (it’s to point others to a consistent walk with Him)
  - 1 – We’re to be Loving (putting on a heart of compassion) which unifies believers & anchors us together IN Christ
  - 2 – We’re to be Joyful & Thankful, having a song in our heart, remembering how good God is ALL the time
  - 3 – We’re to be Peaceful, allowing Christ to rule in our hearts, dwelling continually upon Scripture
  - 4 – We’re to be Patient, committed to linking arms & facing difficulties w/ one another (even if the difficulty stems from the other person)
  - 5 – We’re to be Kind & Good (an uprightness of heart & life), gentle in our dealings w/ everyone, always in humility esteeming others
  - 6 – We’re to be Faithful (being a person who can be relied on, NO matter the circumstances or conflicts that come our way)
  - 7 – We’re to Forgive, just as Christ forgave us
  - 8 – We’re to be Self-Controlled (doing everything in the name of Jesus)
- Agape Love (God Type Love) is what believers are called to live out in each & every situation
- Agape Love is Self-Less, Sacrificial, & Unconditional (it Gives of Time, Energy, & Resources) – it ALWAYS Esteems Others First
- This type of love ISN’T natural, but when you’ve experienced it firsthand, it grabs hold of you
- You ARE ... NOT b/c of your Ability, but b/c of God’s Adoration