

1. Introduction

- a. Love can be expressed in giving
 - Jesus gave His life as a ransom
- b. Three qualities of this church

2. Charity (love) of the Church

- a. Charity (Greek) agape love
 - 1 Cor 13 - love chapter
- b. Charity brings comfort
 - witness of their love before the church
 - giving charity for the brethren (other Christians) & strangers
- c. Hospitality & benevolence from the Christians in a church
- d. Charity continues gospel work
 - doing faithfully (working)
 - church at Ephesus warned to not leave their first love (Rev 2:4)
 - missionaries are collaborators together (1 Cor 3:5, 9)
- e. Brethren & strangers both gave witness of their acts of love

3. Generosity of the Church

- a. Christians (missionaries) went out in name of Jesus
 - church gave sufficient support to meet missionary needs
- b. Generosity for Christ's sake
 - support for Christ's work
 - support for the gospel
- c. Generosity without expectation
 - God's workers did not take anything from the Gentiles
 - Paul's method: self supporting
 - * "taking nothing from the Gentiles"
 - * more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)
- d. Christians to send God's workers forward on their journey

- A. Sincerity of the Church
- a. Receive such God's workers
- prove sincerity of their love (2 Cor 8:4,8)
 - b. Help that should be given
- becoming fellow workers for
the truth
 - c. Help that should be given
- be discerning where you give
support
~~- support~~
 - d. Help in the truth
- support those workers who
teach & live in orthodox doctrine
& truth
- they teach & live the truth