

Faith, Hope, Love: Freed to Love – I Corinthians 13:13
(Galatians 5:1-13; Romans 12:1-2; Heb 7:25)

It Is Faith and Hope That Free Us to Love – I Cor 13:13; Ga 5:6

The Ultimate Intent of God: An Eternal Family – Jo 17:20-23

- His gracious and loving pursuit – Lk 19:10; Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10
 - ...for an eternal union – Jo 14:3; 17:23
 - ...calls for personal communion – Jo 17:3
 - ...resulting in a loving expression – I Jo 4:7; Ga 5:6; Ro 14:19; Jo 10:18
- He intends to move us from a “Me-ology” to a “Thee-ology” – Ga 2:20

Me-ology

...me and my needs
...self-determination/preservation
...outer, immediate realities
...“me and mine”
= egocentric self

Thee-ology

...Christ and His supply – II Pet 1:3,4
...God-determination – Matt 6:33
...inner, eternal realities – Eph 5:18
...“Thee and Thine” – Jo 14:6
= Christocentric self

The Release of God’s Intercessory Love – I Cor 13

- Intercessory love identifies and addresses God’s interests in others – Ga 5:13; I Cor 2:16
 - ...the Christ-like mindset – Phil 2:3-7
 - = “...although _____, He did not _____, but rather _____ ...” – Phil 2:6-7
 - ...the voluntary gift of ourselves to God for the sake of others – Phil 2:3,4; Mk 10:45
- Intercessory love is our co-operation with His loving operation – I Cor 5:14-15; Heb 7:25
 - ...Christ’s demonstration of “a more excellent way” – I Cor 12:31
 - ...“I’ll be the altar upon which You pour our Your intercessory Love” – Phil 2:17; II Cor 12:15; II Tim 4:6
- It would look like... – II Cor 13:4-7
 - ...mostly, it will look like “dying” – II Cor 4:10-12; Phil 2:7
 - ...there will be no loss of life, but the release of Christ’s abundant Life – Jo 10:10; 12:24
- God’s ultimate intention is our ultimate privilege! – Ro 12:1-2