

- Speaker: Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- Title : Love is the Yardstick
- Text : 1 John 3:11, 14-16.
- Introd. : Have you ever said this to someone before? "I've told you right from the beginning. But you won't listen."
"For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another"
- Body : 1. How do you know that you are a Christian?
- Assuming that you know that you are a Christian, but how do I know you are a Christian?
- 1 Jn.3:14, "We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brothers. He who does not love his brother abides in death."
- There is a lot of difference between 'life' and 'death'!
2. What does it really mean to love?
- The Bible has described love with so many words.
- LOVE :
- Has patience
 - Is kind
 - Is not envious
 - Is not vain
 - Is not puffed up
 - Does not behave indecently
 - Does not seek her own
 - Is not easily provoked
 - Thinks no evil
 - Does not rejoice in unrighteousness
 - Rejoices in the truth
 - Quietly covers all things
 - Believes all things
 - Hopes all things endures all things
 - Never fails (compares with 'abolish', and 'cease'.)
- What is the opposite of Love?

3. How can we experience Love?

We all know John 3:16 very well but do we know 1 John 3:16 ?

1 John 3:16, "By this we have known the love of God, because He laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."

"By this we have known the love of God". The love of God empowers us to love others.

We have been touched by His love, then only we can touch others with our love which is really His love.

We need to experience the love of Jesus that flows from the Cross of Calvary.

Concl. : God is Love.

God is the very essence of love.