

## Prepare Arise and Speak: Pure Heart

**World Watch:** "Babylon is fallen!" -Julie Green. Our Final Battle book written in 2019 proclaims the fall of Babylon. On 8-21-22 we started our message series "Babylon is Fallen!" Our message from 4-27-25: "Prophetically: We are entering the final stages of **Mtt 24:14** *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."* This does not signal the "end of time" but the "end of this age" the rule of Satan. Babylon is falling!" The fall of Babylon will happen nation by nation.

**Today is Sanctity of Human Life:** all life is precious to God from conception to our last breath. 2pm today at St. Joes in Sandusky is a mini-march and 2:30 is a short service and prayer meeting.

### 2026 Theme Scripture: Jer 1:16-19

**\*17 "Therefore prepare yourself and arise, And speak to them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed before their faces, Lest I dismay you before them. 18 For behold, I have made you this day A fortified city and an iron pillar, And bronze walls against the whole land—**

**PREPARE:** Literally means to "gird up your loins," to get ready, to stand up, to wrap or strap something on.

**Webster:** to make ready beforehand for some purpose, use, or activity. To put in a proper state of mind. To work out the details of a plan, in advance. To put into written form.

We are preparing (gird your loins, stand up, get ready) to go to the next level; God's **Morning Star Authority**. The most important preparation is our heart. In order for God's **Morning Star Authority** to flow through us, we need to **purify our heart** by:

Standing in unconditional love (u-love)

\*Standing in unconditional forgiveness (u-forgiveness) \*Message 1-4-26

Standing in humility

Standing in obedience to the Truth through the power of the Holy Spirit

Pleading the blood of Jesus over our sinful heart so our eyes can see clearly.

Paul commanded Timothy to teach no other doctrine but the **grace of God**, and not to give heed to fables causing disputes in the church. This will allow people to "**love from a pure heart.**" Stay in grace, and don't listen to fables or to those who seem to have some special truth, or a critical spirit. Stay humble; no one has everything figured out.

**1Ti 1:5 Now the purpose of the commandment is **love from a pure heart**, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.**

God will always answer our prayers, but those who call on God with a **pure heart** see God more clearly with greater understanding.

**Mat 5:8 Blessed are the **pure in heart**, For they shall see God.**

**Pure** Strong's #2513: *katharos* (kath-ar-oss); without blemish, clean, undefiled, pure. Sin pollutes and defiles, but the blood of Jesus washes the stains away. We see through the eyes of our heart.

**2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a **pure heart**.**

**1Pe 1:22 Since you have **purified your souls** in obeying the truth through the Spirit in **sincere love** (without hypocrisy) of the brethren, **love one another** fervently with a **pure heart**,**

**Jas 4:8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded.**

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## The Greatest Gift is Love (message given 7 years ago)

This is the **most important** series we have ever done at Life Song Church. Together, through the blood of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, we will walk in agape love, seeing people through the eyes of Jesus Christ.

**1 Cor 13:1-3** *Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.*

**1 Cor 13:13** *And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*

**Love** Strong's #26, *agape* (ag-ah-pay); an undefeatable and unconquerable goodwill that always seeks the highest good of another person no matter what he or she does. An **unconditional love** that gives of itself without asking anything in return. This is a love of **choice and will, not by feelings, chance and emotions**. It is a commitment. This is the love God has for us and has been poured in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. A person cannot fall in and out of *agape* love, as he can with *phileo*. *Agape* love is the opposite of selfishness because it is a sacrificial love causing one to die to self.

**Love** Strong's #5386, *phileo* (fill-eh-oh); to be fond of, care for affectionately, cherish, and take pleasure in. **Phileo is a feeling tied to our emotions.** Most people think *phileo* is true love and therefore fall in and out of love. One day you love someone, the next day you don't.

**Love** Strong's #5360 *philadelphia*; fraternal affection; brotherly love. A general goodwill towards mankind.

### The Attributes of Agape Love: **1 Cor 13:4-8**

**Suffers long**; patience with imperfect people. EGR people = extra grace required

**Kind**; doing nice things for people; hold the door, smile, let people go in front of you. RAK; Random Acts of Kindness.

**Does not envy**; happy for other people when they get ahead and are blessed. Being non-possessive of relationships.

**Does not parade itself**; a self-effacing quality willing to look bad in order to lift someone up.

**Not puffed up**; not being arrogant and conceited believing you have all of the answers.

**Does not behave rudely**; not being offensive and mean but always courteous and polite.

**Does not seek its own**; insisting one's own rights and being selfish. "It's my way or the highway!"

**Is not provoked**; it is not touchy, irritable or hostile, like "walking on glass" but graceful under pressure.

**Thinks no evil**; It does not keep an account of wrongs done to it, but erases resentments.

**Does not rejoice in iniquity**; having no satisfaction in the shortcomings or moral failure of others. Not spreading evil reports justifying by "I tell it like it is" no we tell it like we see it, because we all see through the eyes of our heart.

**Rejoices in the truth**; aggressively advertising the good. Seeing and embracing how God sees us through the blood.

**Bears all things**; defending and holding other people up, has the attitude, "I've got your back!"

**Believes all things**; believing the best in others and crediting them with good.

**Hopes all things**; never giving up on people but affirming their future believing God's love will change their heart.

**Endures all things**; persevering and remaining loyal to the end.

**Never fails**; love is eternal and impacts eternity. It is not temporal, but will remain forever. That is why it is a choice and not a feeling. Once we accept the love of God, we are His forever! He will never leave us or forsake us. Agape never fails.

**Gal 5:22-25** *But the fruit of the Spirit is love...* knowing what love is, we could stop right here without stipulating the 8 other characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit. That sums it up; the fruit of the Spirit is **love**. But let's continue...*joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.* 24 *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.* 25 *If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.* The opposite of agape love is selfishness and walking in the flesh.

**Rom 5:3-5** *And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.* God instituted relationships (especially marriage) not for our happiness, but for our holiness to develop the character of Christ in us through tribulation and perseverance.