

July 16, 2017 Morning
Love's Journey in Our Hearts
Acts 22:8, 10, 16; Luke 24:32, 35; Luke 10:29, 37

Through his only begotten Son, God the Father has poured out his redeeming love into our hearts. He was under no obligation whatsoever to construct this highway of love into our hearts; it was his prerogative, his choice, his call. And, so, we endeavor, with an unspeakable joy, to give expression to Love's Journey in Our Hearts.

- I. Love changes an enemy on the Damascus Road (Acts 22:8, 10, 16)
 - A. Paul's enmity
 - B. God's love imputes the righteousness of Christ
 - C. Love's gift of peace written on our hearts establishes us in a right relationship with God and our neighbor
- II. Love comes alongside two disciples on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:32, 35)
 - A. The disciples' misunderstanding and misplaced trust
 - B. God's love imparting the knowledge of Christ
 - C. Love's gift of purity spoken to our hearts kindles a pure love for God
- III. Love cultivates a true neighbor on the Jericho Road (Luke 10:29, 37)
 - A. The lawyer's egocentrism
 - B. God's love importing the holiness of Christ
 - C. Love's gift of unity kneaded throughout our hearts leavens a holistic love for our neighbor

³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 8