

Sermon notes: Paul Loh 4.10.09

## LOVE

Agape (unconditional love) Agapo (active unconditional loving)

Appears 228x in scripture: from Hebrew root 'agaab' – same breath (created in God's image; God breathed into man's nostrils – His breath: breath/love.

'Let us make man in our image' man only creation that can choose what they want to be and do. Adam's first lesson in using his creative power was to 'name' animals.. what he said is as they are (devil created this creative power but the gift and calling is beyond repentance.

The first Adam created a living being; the second Adam a life-giving Spirit.. we now have the creative power to speak and give life through Christ in us.

God loved.. God breathed: gives power to live John 10:10 Jesus came that we would have life and have it *more abundantly* (not limited – Ephesians 3:20)

Context of John 10: man born blind previous chapter.. 'what do you see' 'what do I see'.. (behold + watch + see -- appears >5,000x in scripture)

Was blind; but now I see – who I am in Christ (nothing will be impossible)

We are the expression of God's love; must be one. Genesis 11.. one language/one speech (one saying) .. *nothing will be withheld...* see Acts 2..in one place/one accord (same-jointed; inseparable).. Result: power from on high; 3000 saved same day... met daily.. Lord added daily..

Creative power – as we come together as one – we can bring life.. Matthew 18:19 where 2 agree as one.. it shall be done.

2 Corinthians 4: Creative power: natural; life giving Spirit: supernatural

What do you see? As individual/as family/as church..

Pray for leadership who make the hard decisions to move SCCC to where she needs to be; God will use SCCC as light beyond.. to the world Pray for and honour. As we are one (joined together as one) nothing is impossible (*find one to be accountable to in prayer*) as people see how SCCC love one another – see how we live daily; people will be brought/drawn closer.

2 Corinthians 4:1-18 (see v1 & v16) What do we see today? The temporal (speak & pray) .. speak also to the nation and beyond... **UNITED; LOVING ONE ANOTHER AND SPEAKING LIFE:** Christ-given authority to execute/manifest His glory through our daily life/love and speech.

**This church will be a church of thousands. PL**