

1Jn 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.

4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

4:17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment.

But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

4:19 We love Him because He first loved us.

4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?

4:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

From today's sermon.

Today's passage describes the power of love.

In 1 Corinthians 6:10 we read.

All things are permitted. But not all things work together for good. All things are permitted. But not everything enhances one's virtue. Everyone should seek not his own good, but the good of others."

We have a standard of love that does not waver. We have a standard of love that does not waver: the love of God as demonstrated by Jesus Christ.

The image of God's love is expressed in the words, "He sent his Son to be the offering of atonement for our sins, so that we might receive the forgiveness of our sins. Herein is love. O you who love! For God so loved us, that we should love one another. This is exactly what it says.

If God loved us so much and sacrificed so much for us, what sacrifice can we not make? The more we know of God's love, the more our hearts are hardened.

In love there is no fear. Perfect love takes away fear. For with fear comes chastisement, and to him who fears, love is not complete." There is no fear. There are no ties, no hesitations. We love each other because God first loved us.

Good morning, everyone. August is just around the corner and the heat of the season is finally

upon us. I hope everyone has been well.

The Paris Olympics have finally started. The hot competition for the gold medals has begun.

After the lighting of the torch at the opening ceremony of the Olympics, Canadian singer Celine Dion sang a powerful “Hymn to Love” from the top of the Eiffel Tower, despite being in the midst of a battle with illness.

Hymn to Love lyricist Edith Piaf

The blue sky may fall
The earth might break
I don't care about such things As long as you love me
I don't care what the world says
As long as love fills my every morning
As long as my body trembles under your hand
I don't give a damn what's on my mind
My love, if you love me
I'll go to the end of the world
I'll dye my hair gold
If that's what you want
I'll go and steal the moon
And I'll steal your treasures
If that's what you want
I'll abandon my country
I'll abandon my friends
If that's what you want
People will laugh at me
But I'll do anything
If that's what you want from me
Even if life takes you away from me one day
Even if you die, even if you're far away
If you love me, I'll be okay
Because I'm dying too
We'll have eternity for the both of us
In the wide blue sky
In a sky without worries
My love, we love each other so much

God will bring us together, two people who love each other.

(Japanese translation from francais.france.abc website)

It has been said that the lyrics were written in memory of Marcel Cerdan, a professional boxer whom Piaf met and fell in love with during her first performance in the United States in October 1947, and who died in a plane crash on October 28, 1949, at the age of 33. It is believed that he wrote it to put an end to his love affair with Serdan, who had a wife and children, although they were compatible and everyone knew each other. Serdang had originally planned to go by sea for a rematch with La Motta, but decided to go by air after Piaf, who was in New York for a concert, told him to come see her as soon as possible. Piaf and actress Marlene Dietrich were scheduled to meet Cerdan at LaGuardia Airport in New York. Dietrich told Piaf the news of the crash. Piaf was overcome with grief and shock, but decided to go ahead with the scheduled performance. Dietrich, thinking of his best friend, asked Piaf not to sing "Hymn to Love," which had the lyrics, "If you die, I die," but Piaf decided to sing it, which she was to perform that day. (from wikipedia)

This is a love song, but it is written in passionate verse about doing anything for the person you are in love with. It is surprising that when a person falls in love with another person (in Piaf's case, it is an adulterous relationship, so this point cannot be affirmed), he/she is so boldly willing to abandon himself/herself and do anything for the one whom he/she loves.

This song is one of the most popular chansons in the world. When it comes to "hymns of love," I don't think the Bible has anything to compare with it.

4:7 O ye lovers! Let us love one another. Love is from God. All who love are born of God, and know God.

4:8 He who does not love does not know God. God is love.

4:9 God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world, that by him we might live. 4:9 God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that through him we might live, that the love of God toward us might be made manifest.

4:10 For we have not loved God, but he loved us, and sent his Son as an offering of atonement for our sins. Herein is love.

4:11 Beloved, we know that God loved us in this way. For God so loved us, that we should love one another.

4:12 No one has yet seen God. If we love one another, God is in us, and His love is perfected

in us.

This is the immortal “hymn of love.

God has loved us so much. How can we not also offer a hymn of love to a God who loves us so much?

God atoned for our sins through Jesus so that we would not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who came down from heaven, the Son of Man.

3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.

3:15 That all who believe in him may have eternal life.

3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should perish. 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

3:17 For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

With what burning love do we offer our hymn of love to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who has loved us so much?

The 11th chapter of the Old Testament book of Hosea describes God's burning love.

11:1 I loved Israel in her infancy. I called my son out of Egypt, and he came to me.

11:2 At my call they turned away from me, and offered sacrifices to Baal, and burned incense on the carved images.

11:3 And I taught Ephraim to walk, and I took them in my arms. But they did not know that I had healed them.

11:4 I led them by the rope of mercy, by the cord of love. And I was to them as one who takes off the yoke from under his chin, and bends down to feed them.

11:5 And they shall return to the land of Egypt, and the Assyrians shall be their kings. 11:5 And the Assyrians will be their kings, because they have refused to return to Me.

11:6 The sword shall be mad in their cities, and shall break the wood of the staves of their gates, and shall destroy them in their castles.

11:7 My people are turning away from me; they are turning away from me. Therefore they are yoked together, and there is none that can deliver them.

11:8 How can I forsake thee, O Ephraim? O Israel, how can I deliver thee? How can I make thee like Adaemah? How can I treat thee like Zeboiim? 11:8 My heart is changed within me, and all my mercy is turned away.

11:9 I will not manifest my fierce anger: I will destroy Ephraim again. I will not destroy Ephraim again. For I am God, and not man, the Holy One in you. I will not come to destroy; I will not come to destroy.

11:10 They shall walk according to the LORD. 11:10 And they shall walk according to the LORD: and the LORD shall give voice as the roar of a lion. 11:10 And the LORD will send forth his voice, and the children will come from the west with trembling; and they will walk according to the LORD, and the LORD will be their God.

11:11 They shall come like a bird from Egypt, and like a dove from the land of Assyria, in haste. I will cause them to return to their homes, says the LORD.

11:12 Ephraim has surrounded me with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah is still known to God, and is true to the holy ones.

11:8 (New Revised Bible) O Ephraim! How can I deliver thee, O Ephraim? O Israel! How can I forsake thee? How can I deliver thee like Adaemah? How can I make thee like Zeboiim? My heart is stirred up within me, and my breast is hot with compassion.

11:8 Oh Ephraim, shall I forsake thee? O Israel, shall I deliver thee up? Shall I forsake thee as Admah, and make thee as Zeboiim? I am moved with a mighty heart, and my breast is burned with compassion.

Here is God's deep and abiding love for us.

4:13 And we know that we are in Him, and He in us, because He has given us His Spirit.

4:14 For we have seen that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world, and we bear witness to him.

We have realized God's love in Jesus through the very Holy Spirit.

We are made aware that we are in the One who loves us so much, that we are with Him, living in Him, abiding in Him, and living in Him.

God the Father sent His Son to us as the Savior of the world. His steadfast testimony of love shines forth to this day and forever. And we, too, bear witness to God's love.

4:15 If a man confesses Jesus as the Son of God, God is in him, and he in God.

Those who believe that God, in His love and mercy, has sent His beloved only begotten Son, Jesus, for our salvation, have the salvation of their souls. God is in us, abiding, living, and dwelling with those who believe. And we are with Him.

4:16 We know and believe in the love that God has for us. God is love. He who is in love is in God, and God is in him.

The love that God has for us.”

We have finally realized that love of God. We know God's love, we believe in it, we are animated by it, we abide, live, and dwell in it, and we abide, live, and dwell in God and with God. God abides, lives, and dwells in us who believe. What a close relationship!

4:17 For we also live like him in the world, so that we may stand confident in the day of judgment. By this is love fulfilled in us.

In such a close relationship with God and Self, with God and Self, we are “living like him in the world.

In God's love, we desire to live like Jesus, our longing. It is as if, as sung in the “Hymn of Love,” the longed-for one says, “Whatever you ask of me, I will do.” Are we in such a longing relationship with God and with Jesus? Do we love the God who ultimately loves us more than all the other love relationships in the world? Are we in a relationship where we are in constant pursuit of Him, thinking only of Him, longing for Him in the nihilistic way of the night?

This is God's love for us. This is the ultimate of God's love, the love of God whose heart is filled with compassion and love, and whose heart is burning.

If we dwell, abide, and live in His love, and if God also abides, lives, and dwells in us with love, then we can stand confidently on the Day of Judgment. There is no need to fear the final judgment, the judgment at all. God's love is all over us.

4:18 Love has no fear. Perfect love takes away fear. For with fear comes chastisement, and to him who fears, love is not complete.

Knowing the love of the One who loves us in this way, we can live as invincible beings. Rather, if we are afraid of such a One, we cannot please Him. Knowing the love that forgives all, covers

all, and protects all, we do not need to cower in fear of punishment. There is no fear in the heart of the one who is filled with His love and confesses that he loves no one else but You. If there is still fear, if there is still no heart that says, "I will do whatever you say," if there is still no heart that says, "I will follow you," if there is still no heart that says, "Let me do whatever you say," if there is still fear in that person's heart, then that person's love for God is not complete in his or her heart. Love is not complete.

4:19 We love one another because God first loved us.

4:20 He who says, "I love God," and hates his brother, is a liar. He who does not love his brother whom he sees in the flesh cannot love God whom he does not see.

4:21 He who loves God should also love his brother. This commandment we have received from God.

Let us first chew and savor in our hearts how God has loved us. Let us not be ignorant of God's love for us, but rather, let us savor it more than enough, be thankful for it, keep our eyes fixed on God who loves us, and love one another as God has loved us. Let us start with our brothers and sisters who share the same faith. As it is said, those who do not love their brothers and sisters whom they see before them cannot love the God whom they cannot see. He who loves God should also love his brothers. This commandment we have received from God.

We offer to God a hymn of love, and having received a close honeymoon relationship with God, we hope to live our lives, loving all those who are in front of us, just as God loves us.

◇Prayer; Heavenly Father, thank you for today's worship. Thank you so much for teaching us the power of your love and for teaching and guiding us on the path of life. When we seem to lose our way in life, your love illuminates and guides us. Please illuminate us in your love, guide us, and protect us so that we can follow the path we need to take. Please guide all sufferers into God's salvation and peace. Bless our families and the people of our community. We pray in the name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.