

1 Timothy 1:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

Analysis

Now the end of the commandment is charity (Τὸ δὲ τέλος τῆς παραγγελίας ἐστὶν ἀγάπη, *To de telos tēs parangelias estin agapē*)—'the goal of our instruction is love.' *Telos* means end, goal, aim, purpose. *Parangelia* means charge, command, instruction. *Agapē* is self-sacrificial love—the distinctively Christian love modeled by Christ.

Out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned (ἐκ καθαρᾶς καρδίας καὶ συνειδήσεως ἀγαθῆς καὶ πίστεως ἀνυποκρίτου, *ek katharas kardias kai syneidēseōs agathēs kai pisteōs anypokritou*)—'from a pure heart, a good conscience, and sincere faith.' Three sources of genuine love: clean heart (pure motives), good conscience (clear moral awareness), unhypocritical faith (authentic trust).

Paul defines sound teaching's goal: love flowing from moral purity, clear conscience, and genuine faith. The false teachers produced controversy; sound doctrine produces Christlike love. This is Paul's measuring stick—does teaching result in self-sacrificial love, or pride and division?

Historical Context

Greek philosophy valued intellectual sophistication; Judaism emphasized ritual observance; paganism focused on appeasing deities. Christianity's revolutionary focus was love—not as mere emotion but as self-giving action modeled on Christ's

sacrifice. Paul insists the test of sound teaching isn't intellectual impressiveness but love-producing power. Does it make people more like Jesus in sacrificial care for others?

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does genuine love arise from pure heart, good conscience, and sincere faith?
2. What teaching produces love versus what produces controversy and division?
3. How can we evaluate ministry and doctrine by the 'love test'—does it create agapē?

Interlinear Text

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| G3588 | Now | the end | G3588 | of the commandment | is | charity | out of |
| | G1161 | G5056 | | G3852 | G2076 | G26 | G1537 |
| καθαῶς | καρδίας | καὶ | συνειδήσεως | ἀγαθῆς | καὶ | πίστεως | |
| a pure | heart | and | conscience | of a good | and | of faith | |
| G2513 | G2588 | G2532 | G4893 | G18 | G2532 | G4102 | |
| ἀνυποκρίτου | | | | | | | |
| unfeigned | | | | | | | |
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Additional Cross-References

1 Timothy 1:19 (Faith): Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Galatians 5:22 (Faith): But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

2 Timothy 2:22 (Faith): Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2 Timothy 1:5 (Faith): When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Timothy 1:3 (Parallel theme): I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

1 Peter 3:16 (Good): Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

1 Peter 1:22 (Love): Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1 Peter 3:21 (Good): The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

2 Peter 1:7 (Love): And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Psalms 51:10 (Parallel theme): Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.