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Message Series: Speaking The Truth in Love

Today's Message: The Gospel In Troubled Times

1 John 4:1-6

1 John 4:12 "... *His love is brought to full expression in us.*"

1. Our Task In Troubled Times:

- 1) It's so easy to take our eyes off of Christ and get consumed with the horizontal and lose hope.

This Week: "It's not limiting "freedom of speech" but "freedom of reach."

- 2) Satan gains territory in the naive and gullible, believing evil lies.
- 3) Philippians 2:15 "... *shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people.*"

Acts 20:25-31

Colossians 1:3-6

Colossians 1:7-13

2. The Gospel Truth Bearing Fruit

Colossians 1:6 "... *the gospel is bearing fruit...*" Since the day you heard it and truly understand God's grace

Colossians 1:10a "... *live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way...*"

Colossians 1:10b "... *bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God.*"

Notice: Bearing Fruit... Hearing... Understanding... Living Worthy... Pleasing Him... Bearing Fruit...
Growing In The Knowledge of God

Colossians 1:8 "... *your love in the Holy Spirit*"

Galatians 3:26-28

Romans 8:17, 18, 22, 23, 26

Acts 5:29

Acts 16:37, 40

1 Corinthians 4:13, 14

1 Peter 4:12, 13

Three Truths:

- 1) We believers today have been living in comfort and security for so long we have forgotten how to deal with darkness, suffering, and crisis.

Example: Martin Luther

- 2) Modern science "shows" us that "Christianity is false" and we grow silent.

2 Timothy 2:9-15

- 3) Christianity is a together matter, a team sport, but with COVID many can't gather and some sadly have chosen to "forsake assembling."

Luke 5:18-20

2 Corinthians 5:14 "*The love of Christ compels us...*"