

Vibe Check 2 – The Greatest Vibe - Love

Vibe Check Bumper Video

Welcome back to Redemption Church in Plano Tx. My name is Chris Fluitt.

Welcome everyone joining us for the first time. We are glad to have you.

We are in the 2nd week of our sermon series – Vibe Check

What is a Vibe?

Good Vibrations by the Beach Boys?

Vibe – A person's emotional state, felt by others; The

**tangible atmosphere created by
the disposition of our being.**

Also..

**A practical revelation of a
spiritual reality.**

Vibe - the cologne or perfume of your life.
(2 Cor 2:14-15)

What is flowing out of you? That is the
vibe that resides within.

Vibe Check

In this series we are focusing on the vibe...
but also the Vibe producer.

In week 1 we walked about Flesh Vibes &
Spirit Vibes.

(redemptionplano.com/sermons/vibes1)

Flesh Vibes or Spirit Vibes

We must focus on what is producing within us.

The best vibes are produced by the Spirit of God within us.

Today I want to talk about the greatest vibe.

The Greatest Vibe

I bet you can guess the greatest vibe. It is the first fruit of the Spirit that Paul lists in Galatians 5.

Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

We have preached frequently about Jesus response to the question – “What is the most important command of God?” Hopefully we remember that IN Matthew 22 His answer is “Love.”

[Matthew 22:36-40 (NIV) ³⁶ “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

³⁷ Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as

yourself.’^[b] 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”]

It is not hard to get people to agree with Paul and Jesus concerning the importance of Love.

Many have written on the greatest virtue of love.

- Love is the most excellent way – The Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 12:31)
- Every city or society of men is held together by some law, and the city of God is held together by the law of love. – The theologian Augustine
- “Love will have the final word.” – The Reformer Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

- “Love has no awareness of merit or demerit; it has no scale. Love loves; this is its nature.” – The Pastor Howard Thurman
- “Love conquers all’ – The Poet Virgil
- “Love is the ultimate force that makes for the saving choice of life and good against the damning choice of death and evil.” – The Historian Arnold Toynbee
- “The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved – loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.” The Novelist Victor Hugo
- “Where there is love there is life” and “Real love is to love them that hate you, to love your neighbor even though you distrust him.” - The Activist Ghandi

- “Love is a fruit in season at all times, and within reach of every hand.” The Humanitarian Mother Teresa
- “You can break God’s heart, but you can’t break God’s love.” The Preacher E.K. Bailey

We can get most people to agree with the importance of love. Buddhists, politicians, Muslims, scientists, the East Texas Redneck, the Hollywood Socialite, the upper crust of Martha’s Vinyard, even atheists... all agree that love is the greatest, most desirable vibe.

Yet the world still lacks love.

As Dionne Warwick and Burt Bacharach told us...

“What the world needs now is love sweet love. It's the only thing that there's just too little of.”

We agree that we need love... but we don't always agree on what love is, or how to best love.

The world will sometimes point to the works of the flesh and call them love.

Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV) 19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.

The world will call sexual immorality – love.

Are one night stands the vibe of love?

Does love fit any and all situations between consenting adults?

Loving ones self is also wrongly attributed as love.

What is called love is often jealousy and selfish ambition.

Sometimes out of love we take sides in arguments with the ones we love... But isn't dissensions and factions the works of the flesh?

Here is what the Bible teaches us that the vibe of love is...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8(NIV) 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy,

it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It
does not dishonor others, it is not self-
seeking, it is not easily angered, it
keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love
does not delight in evil but rejoices
with the truth. 7 It always protects,
always trusts, always hopes, always
perseveres. 8 Love never fails

This love that Paul speaks of is more than an emotional feeling when the circumstances are just right.

Biblical love does not flow into you when the conditions are perfect...

When you have prayed enough...

When you are perfect and sinless...

When you have given enough money...

When you have just the right words to say...

When you are attractive and well put together...

Love flows from a supernatural source

The first fruit of the Spirit is Love. Love comes from God's supernatural Holy Spirit!

Romans 5:5 "the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is given unto us."

Love resides by the Spirit and flows out by the Spirit.

Is the love within you supernatural?

Because the world can confuse love, we need to recognize the genuine supernatural love of God.

Supernatural Love is...

Unconditional

God's love is unconditional.

God's love for you does not change based on the weather.

God means for us to have a supernatural unconditional love growing and flowing within us.

Take the conditions off your love.

When people say hurtful things... Love them.

When people aren't there to help you

through your tough times... Love them.
When people do not do what you would like... Love them.

YOU CANNOT DO THIS WITH OUT THE
SUPERNATURAL SPIRIT!

Supernatural Love is...

Wholeness

Scripture talks about a “perfect love.”
That word for perfect means “whole and complete.”

When you are whole you are not looking for anything to complete you.

When your love is whole you are not looking for what others can provide.

When you are complete you are not searching for that missing piece...

You can be single... but still complete because of the supernatural wholeness of God's love.

Supernatural Love is... Fearless

I referenced perfect love. You might can quote that verse... "Perfect love drives/casts out all fear."

Supernatural love is fearless. But there is a part of that verse that is not quoted... and that needs to change.

1 John 4:18 (NIV) There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear,

because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

“Because fear has to do with punishment.”

Punishment for what...?

-External Conditions

-Internal Conditions (Not being enough - incomplete)

When you have a supernatural love that is UNCONDITIONAL...

When you have a supernatural love that is WHOLE

Then you should have no reason to fear.
You should have a fearless love.

The Greatest Vibe

Love is the greatest Vibe.

I want us to pray to God today that He will fill us with His supernatural love.

But before we come to pray I want to talk to you about a well known Bible story and The Squeeze.

The Squeeze

If you squeeze a tube of tooth paste, what comes out?

If you squeeze a water balloon, what comes out?

If you squeeze a ketchup packet, what comes out?

A little bit of pressure causes the contents within to come out.

Life has a way of putting the squeeze on us.

The pressures of relationships... family, friends, co-workers, classmates

The pressure of bills...

The pressure difficulty...

When life squeezes you, what comes out?

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Are these the things that come out when life gives you the squeeze?

The squeeze isn't pleasant.

We usually pray that the squeeze will stop.

Perhaps we need to pray about the squeeze reveals.

A little pressure reveals what is within us.

Cain & Able

I don't think Cain & Able faced as much challenge as any of us do on a daily basis.

There was no sex trafficking...

There was no concern over climate change...

There were no general elections to fear...

There was no IRS...

There was no such thing as death and taxes...

Yet just a little bit of pressure revealed what was within.

*Genesis 4:4-5 (NIV) ...The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor....

Abel's offering was favored above Cain's...

Supernatural love is UNCONDITIONAL...

but Cain feels something very conditional at the moment.

Supernatural love is WHOLENESS... but Cain feels incomplete at the moment. Supernatural love is FEARLESS... but Cain feels fear at the moment.

Just a little bit of pressure reveals what is within Cain.

*Genesis 4:5 (NIV) ...So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Anger, shame, depression... this is what the pressure revealed.

Genesis 4:6 (NIV) 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Even though God patiently spoke to him, Cain refused to repent.

In the next verse Cain attacks and kills his brother.

What did a little bit of pressure reveal?

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Hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage...

Musician

Vibe Check

When life squeezes you, what comes out?

What if love came out of us?

What if the supernatural love of God flowed out from us.

What if the world experienced God's love from you?

What if the squeeze of life was just an opportunity to put God's love on display.

Are you displaying God's love?

At Church?

At Home?

At School?

At the grocery market?

When life is pressuring you?

When life is frustrating?

When life is disappointing?

When you don't get the job?

When you failed?

