

“Post-Resurrection Appearance #3: Shepherding 101”

Text: John 21:15-17

Scripture reading: I Peter 5:1-14

I. The mercy of love - (Lk. 22:31-34)

Summary points:

II. The measure of love - (I Jn. 4:7-9)

Summary points: - (I Thess. 4:9-10; Gal. 5:18-23)

III. The ministry of love

Summary points: - (I Pet. 5:1-4)

-Vs. 1= “fellow-elders”:

-Vs. 1= “partakers of glory”:

-Vs. 2= “shepherding God’s flock”:

-Vs. 2= “willingly, not under compulsion”:

-Vs. 2= “according to God’s will”:

-Vs. 2= “unselfish, eager”:

-Vs. 3= “Not lording it over”:

-Vs. 4= “crown of glory”:

“We may know much, and do much, and profess much, and talk much, and work much, and give much, and go through much, and make much show in our religion, and yet be dead before God, from want of love, and at last god down to the pit. Do we love Christ? That is the question. Without this there is no vitality about our Christianity.” – Bishop J. C. Ryle

Sermon quotes:

I. The mercy of love

Summary points:

Arthur Pink,

“That fall was necessary in order to reveal to Peter the condition of his heart, to show him the worthlessness of self-confidence, and to humble his proud spirit.”

III. The ministry of love

Summary points:

J. C. Ryle, The message of Jesus in Jn. 21:15-17,

“...was meant to teach Peter and the whole Church the mighty lesson, that usefulness to others is the grand test of love, and working for Christ the great proof of really loving Christ.”