Text: 1 Timothy 1

THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMANDMENT

(I) THE PURPOSE (GOAL) OF THE COMMANDMENT

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith," **1 Timothy 1:5**

1. The goal of the commandment is love

- a) It is the singular goal
- b) The focus is on love
- c) The goal is love
- d) The end of the commandment is all about love

2. The love is meant for

- a) God
- b) People
- c) Church

(II) THE ESSENCE OF LOVE

"Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith," **1 Timothy 1:5**

1. A pure heart

- a) Heart that is cleansed
- b) There is purity of heart

2. A good conscience

- a) A conscience that is not sullied
- b) It is of good merit and worth

3. A sincere faith

- a) To be the opposite of being hypocritical
- b) Genuine faith that has no hidden agenda

(III) THE OUTFLOWING OF LOVE

- 1. Love is something that springs out of these things
- 2. All of which are of equal importance

(IV) MUCH TO GIVE THANKS FOR

- 1. Giving thanks to the Lord for His commandments
- 2. Give thanks that our goal for the word has always been love
- 3. Give thanks for great love that we can share and should continue to share in Bethany