## **HAPPY ADVENT FROM SHIRLEY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**



# ADVENT WEEK 4 - LOVE Speaker: Kathy Harwood

# Reading And Candle Lighting Eric and Caroline Malo

### Todays Sermon Scripture = 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8 (NIV)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 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. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

## What Is Love? - World's Definition VS. God's Definition

#### **1 - HOW ARE WE ABLE TO LOVE?**

**1** John 4:7-12 - 7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11 Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

### **2 - HOW CAN WE LOVE OTHERS WELL?**

**John 13:34-35** - 34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

#### Additional Scripture References

Matthew 1:18 - Isaiah 7:14 - John 3:16 - Matthew 7:7-8

### **Notes:**