I. Introduction
   A. Romans 5:1–15—A Spirit baptized believer has the whole of God’s love poured into his heart. Love is expressed in character. We cannot have true Christian love apart from God’s Word.
   B. 1 John 2:3–5—This is a two-edged Scripture:
      1. In keeping the Word of God, we are demonstrating our love for God
      2. Also, as we keep His Word, His love is brought to perfection in us

II. 2 Peter 1:1–8—An unfolding of God’s provision:
   A. v. 2—The Christian life is a life of multiplication, of continual growth (John 17:3)
   B. v. 3—God’s divine power has already given us everything we are going to need for time and eternity, for life and godliness.
   C. v. 4—The provision is in the promises. Through these promises we are to become partakers of God’s divine nature.
   D. v. 5–7—The Christian life demands a total commitment to God’s objectives. The basis of the Christian life is faith (believing), then we have to follow seven steps up to divine love:
      1. Virtue—excellence, the first thing we add to our faith is excellence in what we ought to be doing. The best in our walk of life.
      3. Temperance—self-control, we do not let emotions control us.
      4. Patience—endurance.
      5. Godliness—where our relationship to God is real to the people around us.
      6. Love of the brethren—it is not easy to love our fellow believers, because they create the worst problems for us. But it must be accomplished.
      7. Charity—divine love: loving our enemies. When we have arrived here, our character has been fully developed.