

“LOVE... Defined Described”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Part 1)

Introduction

Note: The context of this passage is service, ministry & spiritual gifts, not your _____.!!!
John 15:13 - “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Now where does this “agape” “sacrificial” “Christ-like” love come from???

Galatians 5:22a - “**But the fruit of the Spirit is love...**”

1) Without love... it doesn't matter what you _____.

Ephesians 4:29 - “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.”

2) Without love... it doesn't matter what you _____.

3) Without love... it doesn't matter what you _____.

Note: The portrait of love that we see depicted here is a portrait of _____.

I. Paul's Description of Love: A Portrait of Jesus Christ

1) Love is patience in action: Enduring wrong without taking revenge or _____.

John Chrysostom - “It is the word which is used of the man who is wronged and who has it easily in his power to avenge himself but will never do it.”

Note: This would have been very _____ for the “Greek/Roman Corinthians” to believe & accept.

Aristotle - “The great Greek virtue is the refusal to tolerate any insult or injury and a readiness to strike back at any hurt.”

Romans 2:4 - “Or do you presume on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience (think long-suffering), not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”

2 Peter 3:9 - “The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient (think long-suffering) toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”

Luke 23:33-46 -

Acts 7:54-60 -

2) Love is kindness in action: Doing good to those who do not _____ it.

Note: Kindness is not merely a feeling but is incredibly helpful, useful, and _____.

Proverbs 24:17-18 - “Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and let not your heart be glad when he stumbles; lest the Lord see it and be displeased, and turn away His anger from him.”

Proverbs 25:21-22 - “If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the Lord will reward you.”

Romans 12:19-21 -

Romans 5:8 - “...but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Titus 3:4-5a - “But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us...”

Note: The appearing of Jesus, the coming of Jesus, was the ultimate act of _____!

1 Peter 2:1-3 -

3) Love does not act motivated by envy & jealousy: Love _____ in Christ and with others.

Note: The root of jealousy & envy is an _____ heart!

Proverbs 27:4 - “Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?”

John 3:26-30 -

Note: Envy & jealousy cannot dominate the heart that is _____ by Christ & His glory!

Philippians 4:4 - “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.”

4) Love does not boast: Love does not try to make others feel _____.

Matthew 11:29-30 - “Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Mark 10:45 - “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

Philippians 2:5-11 -

The Lord’s Supper:

- 1) The Lord’s Supper is a visible & symbolic retelling of the Gospel.
- 2) The Lord’s Supper is a purposeful remembering of what Jesus intentionally endured.
- 3) The Lord’s Supper is an inward rejoicing in the Gospel.
- 4) The Lord’s Supper is a command to love one another and strive towards unity.
- 5) The Lord’s Supper is a call to thoughtful self-examination and then to repentance.