

The Aspects of Love (Part 2)

Introduction

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1. This morning I am continuing with “The Aspects of Love” taken from 1 Corinthians 13.
 - A. Part 1 was presented last week and this lesson will be the remainder, part 2.
 - B. Last week I introduced the topic by stating that In order to build up one another, we must demonstrate Christ’s love in all of our relationships.
2. The 13th chapter explains that without love, even the most impressive spiritual gifts are meaningless.
 - A. It describes the characteristics of love, stating that it is patient, kind, and not self-seeking.
 - B. The passage highlights that love is eternal and will outlast all other gifts, such as prophecy and knowledge.
 - C. Ultimately, it calls followers of Christ to imitate the love of Jesus by serving and caring for others.
3. Once again, this chapter serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of love in all aspects of life and faith.
4. Let us now continue our study with part 2, “The Aspects of Love.”

What Love Is

9. **Love Thinks No Evil.**

- A. It means that true love does not dwell on the wrongs done to it by others.**
- 1) It signifies that a loving person forgives and forgets the injuries inflicted upon them, choosing to focus on the good rather than harboring negative thoughts or grudges.**
 - 2) Essentially, love interprets situations positively and does not keep a record of wrongs, embodying a spirit of forgiveness and understanding.**

Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Matthew 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

John 8:10-11

- B. When one asks for forgiveness we MUST forgive them. We need to focus on the “rights” they have done.**
- 1) What did Jesus do?**

10. Love Does Not Rejoice in Iniquity.

- A. It means that love does not take pleasure in seeing someone fall into error or sin, which would harm their reputation or interests.**
- 1) Love is characterized by genuine regard for another's good, and it forbids rejoicing in influences that bring about their downfall.**
 - 2) In other words, love does not find joy in anything that is not right, including dress, music, language, entertainment, art, and associations.**

Matthew 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, **than for your whole body to be cast into hell.**

Proverbs 11:13 A **talebearer reveals secrets**, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Galatians 6:1

- B. We must be determined in our love for God, not to watch or read evil things.**
- 1) Turn away from gossip. Don't gloat when others fall.**

11. Love Rejoices in the Truth.

- A. It means that love is connected to truth and rejoices in the reality of redemption, forgiveness, and God's personal nature.**
 - 1) Love does not celebrate wrongdoing but finds joy in moral truth and sincerity.**

Philippians 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, **Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice**, yes, and will rejoice.

Isaiah 60:1 Arise, shine; For your light has come! **And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.**

Ephesians 4:25

- B. We should be happy about good things. Spread the “good news!”**
 - 1) Tell the truth to yourself and to others.**

12. **Love Bears All Things.**

- A. It means that true love is enduring and resilient. It signifies that love is willing to endure hardships, challenges, and difficulties without giving up.**
- 1) This type of love is characterized by kindness, patience, and the ability to overlook faults, showing a commitment to support and protect others despite their shortcomings.**
 - 2) In essence, love does not set limits on what it can endure, reflecting a deep and unconditional commitment to others.**

James 1:27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Proverbs 4:14-15 Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.

1 Peter 3:15

- B. We need to protect the helpless and those who are weak.**
- 1) We need to protect ourselves against temptation.**
 - 2) Always defend the name of Jesus!**

13. Love Believes All Things.

- A. It means that love expects the best of others. Love forgives when wrongs are committed against it, but it also carries the burden to be truthful or to be held accountable to God, rather than to us.**

Isaiah 14:24 **The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,** "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall come to pass, And as I have purposed, so it shall stand:

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, **let your requests be made known to God;**

Romans 8:28

- B. Trust is believing God's promises. Pray about everything and trust Him.**

- 1) Believe that ALL things work for good.**

14. Love Hopes All Things.

A. It means that love hopes that all will turn out well. Love is confident that good will win, truth will come out, and that people will do their best.

1) This hope is directed towards our brethren and fellow men, and expects the best from them.

Ephesians 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand.**

Romans 5:10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, **much more, having been reconciled,** we shall be saved by His life.

1 John 3:3

B. Never give up. Remember, God does not give up on us!

1) Always expect good things from God.

15. Love Endures All Things.

A. It means that love is characterized by a willingness to bear, believe, hope, and endure through difficult times.

- 1) It reflects a commitment to support and carry the burdens of others, demonstrating a sacrificial love that chooses to believe the best about others and fosters trust.**
- 2) Additionally, it implies a readiness to remain in challenging situations for the sake of one another, rather than seeking personal ease.**

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and **pray for one another**, that you may be healed. **The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.**

Romans 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?**

1 Peter 4:8

B. Be persistent. Keep on praying!

- 1) If God is for us, who can possibly be against us?**
- 2) We must remain faithful to God and others.**

16. Love Never Fails.

A. It describes the deep and abiding love God has for His people.

- 1) The concept of love never failing suggests that it does not fall or perish, but remains constant, even in the face of adversity or challenges.**
- 2) Love endures and persists, regardless of circumstances, making it an essential quality to cultivate in our relationships and interactions with others.**
- 3) It also means that no matter what happens in our lives, God's love will always be greater than anything else.**

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now **abide faith, hope, love**, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

John 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; **abide in My love**."

John 13:34-35

B. Love never fails.

- 1) God's love NEVER fails!**
- 2) We should pray that we may have a loving heart like our heavenly Father has for us.**

Conclusion (Part 2)

- 1. This concludes our study of the various aspects of Love from 1 Corinthians 13.**
- 2. It is my hope and prayer that each of you have benefitted from this lesson on the “Aspects of Love” that the apostle Paul showed us.**
- 3. Remain loving and faithful and God will, one day, bring us into His eternal glory.**

