

Love

Preview: All believers are called to love at a deep and selfless level. It's not temporary, but a lifestyle.

Col 3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

(Which binds all things together in perfect unity.)

Read: 1 Corinthians 13. (1Cor 13:1-13)

A. The Way of Love

1. Let love have its perfect way.

1Co 13:3 ...though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

a. **1Co 13:4** Love suffers long (patient) and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

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Col 1:11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all **patience** and longsuffering with joy;

Heb 6:12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and **patience** inherit the promises.

Rev 2:3 and you have persevered and have **patience**, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

Luk 6:35 But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is **kind** to the unthankful and evil.

Eph 4:32 And be **kind** to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Mar 15:10 For he knew that the chief priests had handed Him over because of **envy**.

Gal 5:21 **envy**, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Joh 13:12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"

Joh 13:13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for *so* I am.

Joh 13:14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Pro 16:18 **Pride** goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

1Ti 3:6 ... lest being puffed up with **pride** he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil.

1Jn 2:16 For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the **pride** of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

b. **1Co 13:5** does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, and thinks no evil;

Psa 145:8 The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy.

Psa 145:9 The LORD *is* good to all, And His tender mercies *are* over all His works.

Jas 3:16 For where envy and **self-seeking** exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently **seek** Him.

Col 3:1 If then you were raised with Christ, **seek** those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

Isa 26:3 You will keep *him* in **perfect peace**, *Whose* mind *is* stayed on *You*, Because he trusts in *You*.

Joh 14:27 **Peace** I leave with you, My **peace** I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- Joh 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have **peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."
- 1Pe 3:10** For "HE WHO WOULD **LOVE** LIFE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, LET HIM REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM **EVIL**, AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT.
- Rom 12:9** *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is **evil**. Cling to what is good..
- c. **1Co 13:6** does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
1Pe 4:13 but **rejoice** to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.
1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we **rejoice** for your sake before our God,
Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
1Jn 3:18 My little children, let us not **love** in word or in tongue, but in deed and in **truth**.
2Jn 1:2 because of the **truth** which abides in us and will be with us forever:
3Jn 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in **truth**.
- d. **1Co 13:7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things
Gal 6:2 **Bear** one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot **bear** those who are evil...
2Th 1:10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who **believe**, because our testimony among you was **believed**.
1Jn 5:13 These things I have written to you who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue to believe* in the name of the Son of God.
Jud 1:5 But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not **believe**.
Heb 6:19 This **hope** we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence *behind* the veil,
1Pe 1:21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and **hope** are in God.
1Jn 3:3 And everyone who has this **hope** in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.
2Ti 2:3 You therefore must **endure** hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
Jas 1:12 Blessed *is* the man who **endures** temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.
- e. **1Co 13:8** Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away
Joh 15:13 Greater **love** has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not **love** their lives to the death.

B. How Do We Show His Love?

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| 1. Healing | Jer 33:6 |
| 2. Praying | Jud 1:20, 3Jn 1:2, Jas 5:14 |
| 3. Doing good deeds | Neh 13:14 |
| 4. Loving others | 2Jn 1:5 |
| 5. Giving | 1Ti 6:18 |
| 6. Faith | Heb 11:6 & 6:12, Rom 14:23 |
| 7. Having Peace | Jon 14:27 |
| 8. Having Patience | Jam 1:3, Rev 2:3, Rev 14:12 |