

LOVE DOES NOT HARBOR EVIL

*To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 CORINTHIANS 5:19*



THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF LOVE

*My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. 1 JOHN 3:18*

QUOTE: "Christians should be God's love with skin on."

QUOTE: "You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." — Amy Carmichael

A. \_\_\_\_\_ love is displayed through giving.

GIVE YOUR TIME

GIVE YOUR COMMUNICATION

GIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS

*If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. 1 JOHN 4:20–21*

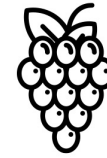
B. \_\_\_\_\_ love is displayed through giving.

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. JOHN 3:16*

CONCLUSION: \_\_\_\_\_

*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ROMANS 5:8*

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FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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Lesson 1: THE FRUIT OF LOVE

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. GALATIANS 5:22–23*

*I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. JOHN 15:5*

*And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 1 JOHN 4:16*

*Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 JOHN 3:16*

INTRODUCTION: \_\_\_\_\_  
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THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF LOVE

MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT LOVE:

- Love is only a feeling.
- Love is uncontrollable.

A. Defined in \_\_\_\_\_

DEFINITION: "eros"—sensual love

DEFINITION: "philos"—brotherly love

DEFINITION: "agape"—God-oriented, divine love

## B. Defined in \_\_\_\_\_

*He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 1 JOHN 4:8*

*The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. JEREMIAH 31:3*

*Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. JOHN 13:1*



## THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF LOVE

*Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-8*

### THREE OBSERVANCES ABOUT LOVE:

- Without biblical love, our words are empty.
- Without biblical love, our motivation is weak.
- Without biblical love, our deeds have little impact.

## A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical love

### LOVE IS PATIENT

*Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it. When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.*

*Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. ACTS 7:59-8:1*

### LOVE IS KIND

*Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 1 PETER 3:8*

## B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical love

### LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS

### LOVE DOES NOT BRAG

*How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26*

### LOVE IS NOT ARROGANT

QUOTE: "Arrogance is big headed, but love is big hearted."

## C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of biblical love

### LOVE DOES NOT BEHAVE UNBECOMINGLY

*For in eating every one taketh before other his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:21*

### LOVE DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN

*Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. PHILIPPIANS 2:4*

### LOVE IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED

*Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: 1 PETER 2:23*

*Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. LUKE 23:34*