

1 Corinthians 13:7

Bearing, Believing,
Hoping, Enduring

1st Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV –

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 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, but have not love, I am nothing.

1st Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV –

3 And 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.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

1st Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV –

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1st Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV –

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.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

1st Corinthians 13:1-13 NKJV –

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

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

RECAP - Corinthian Church Complication

an issue of Lordship...

1:1-9 The Church as God sees it, Jesus in every verse.

1:10-18 The Church as man sees it, divided and distracted. Sophmores

RECAP - Corinthian Church Complication

- 1. Sophomores = Wise fools (not humble/teachable, formed by the Word)**
- 2. Identity in self and world (instead of Christ)**
- 3. Misunderstanding of the Godhead and the Gospel (used what they had for self instead of others)**

Big Picture

1. The Gospel is the answer
2. The Holy Spirit empowers us to love God and love others more than ourselves.

Vs 7

Love **bears** all things [regardless of what comes],

believes all things [looking for the best in each one],

hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times],

endures all things [without weakening].

Vs 7

All Things (4x)

- Emphasizing:

Limitless, Indefatigable, and Relentless

- Contrasting the previous “does not”s

Love bears all things

- **bears** = **stego** (Strong's G4722 στέγω) also suffer, covers, protect, or keep water tight...

- **bears** all things, it does not **bare** all things

1 Peter 4:8: And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” (see also **1 Cor 9:12**)

pearls of character

“Oh, that we could do so with the provocations we receive from our fellow Christians, so that pearls of patience, gentleness, long-suffering, and forgiveness might be bred within us by that which has harmed us.” (Spurgeon)

Love **believes** all things [looking for the best in each one],

Believes = (pisteuo from pistis = faith, trust, belief, entrust, confidence)

In God and His Word, always

In others, innocent until proven guilty

Love hopes all things [remaining steadfast during difficult times],

Hopes = (elpizo from elpis = hope, conveying as the main element a sense of confidence)

- Optimistic and trusting in God promises, looking forward with confidence

Love **endures** all things [without weakening].

endures = (hupomeno from hupo = under + meno = abide, remain)

Tenacious, sustaining, resilient, persistent

(See Luke 17:4, 2 Timothy 2:10, 24)

1 John 3:16 NKJV - By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 4:16 NKJV - And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Romans 8:35-39 NKJV –

35 Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

36 Just as it is written and forever remains written, “For Your sake we are put to death all day long; We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.”

Romans 8:35-39 NKJV –

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].

38 For I am convinced [and continue to be convinced —beyond any doubt] that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present and threatening, nor things to come, nor powers,

Romans 8:35-39 NKJV –

39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the [unlimited] love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”

Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)