



## Active Christian Love

1 Peter 4:8

### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

The greatest expression, one that gives rise to the Christian being identified with Christ, is to set love as the highest priority. And as the priority of life, let it be set as the ever-present expression of your faith in Jesus.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." ~ John 13:34*

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

People are driven by what they love. They pursue it with a drivenness that overrides all other considerations. Such is the passionate love that Christians have in Christ. It is a zealous love that overrides all other aspects and constrains us to do that which is pleasing to God.

*And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ~ Luke 10:27*

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Love

A telling expression of Christian love is seen in the willing heart to forgive. To "cover" is to envelop the sin in mercy, to override judgment with grace. For in this same way, Christ Jesus has done for us and has covered us with His righteousness, thus covering over our sin.

*Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ~ Colossians 3:13*

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

**So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.**



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**Additional Scripture References**  
*(And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)*

### **Romans 12:10**

*Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

### **1 Thessalonians 4:9**

*Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another.*

### **1 John 4:12**

*No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.*

### **Hosea 6:6**

*For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.*

### **1 Peter 1:22**

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.*

### **1 Samuel 18:3**

*Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.*

### **Luke 23:34**

*And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.*

### **James 2:13**

*For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

### **2 Corinthians 2:10**

*Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ.*