

## **Love, Real Love**

### **1 Corinthians Chapter 13**

**Intro: this is not a definition of love but a display of real love from God. Each verse mirrors what Jesus does for us and in us if we let Him!**

#### **The Greatest Gift**

**13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

- 1. Merely speaking love does not mean you have love. Merely having faith in a process does not mean you have love. Merely doing the right things doesn't mean that you have love.**

<sup>4</sup> Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; <sup>5</sup> does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; <sup>6</sup> does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; <sup>7</sup> bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

- 2. Real love does for the Lord and others the way that He did in the scriptures and in life for us.**

<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

- 3. Love is faithful in all things.**

<sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

4. When real love comes to a person, he puts away childish/selfish things. Real love makes Jesus clear. In love, we can see Jesus' purity and perfection, and we can know how to live and who we are, because we know Whose we are!

<sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

5. Love in Christ must be received through salvation in order for His greatest love to come out in you.

**Will you surrender your life to Jesus? To Love?**