

Apr 22 – Understanding Love – 1 Corinthians 13

## Golden Rule

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

KJV, Luke 6:31

Jesus Christ, circa A.D. 30



## Gold Standard

Greater LOVE hath no man  
than this, that a man lay down  
his life for his friends.

KJV, John 15:30

Jesus Christ, circa A.D. 30

LOVE



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Raymond Brown noted,

**But love does not possess the Corinthians. Almost all of the first 14 chapters demonstrate this fact.**

**Not only is love greater than all other gifts, it is the greatest need of the Corinthians.**

**It is not possessed by SEIZURE, however, but by SURRENDER.\***

\* Raymond Bryan Brown, *Broadman Commentary: Acts, Romans, I Corinthians* (Broadman, 1970), 376, all caps mine.



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## 1 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Ephesus

- |             |   |      |                              |
|-------------|---|------|------------------------------|
| 1. Mar 4    | United in Christ                              | 1    | No Divisions – Wisdom of God |
| 2. Mar 11   | Glorifying God                                | 6    | Bought with a Price          |
| 3. Mar 18   | Keeping Commitments                           | 7    | Marriage for Life in Love    |
| 5. Mar 25   | Influencing for Christ                        | 9-10 | All Things to All People     |
| 6. Apr 1    | <b>Easter Sunday – Sunrise Easter Service</b> |      |                              |
| 7. Apr 8    | Remembering the Sacrifice                     | 11   | Examine Oneself              |
| 8. Apr 15   | Serving God's People                          | 12   | Gifts of Same Spirit & Lord  |
| ☆ 8. Apr 22 | Understanding Love                            | 13   | Greatest of These Is LOVE    |

## 2 Corinthians

*chapter*

## from Macedonia

- |            |                        |       |                             |
|------------|------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 9. Apr 29  | Enjoying God's Comfort | 1     | Afflicted for Your Comfort  |
| 10. May 6  | Displaying the Gospel  | 4     | Light Shone in Our Hearts   |
| 11. May 13 | Becoming New           | 5-6   | In Christ – a New Creation  |
| 12. May 20 | Giving Faithfully      | 9     | Ministry to the Saints      |
| 13. May 27 | Finding Strength       | 12-13 | When Weak, then I Am Strong |





## Theme

Believers are to be motivated by  
**LOVE** when serving others.



**13:1-3 Necessity of LOVE – All without Love = NOTHING**

**13:4-7 Nature of LOVE – Patient ... Endures ALL Things**

**13:8-13 Permanence of LOVE – Never Ends ... Greatest**





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**LOVE—Fulfilling the Ultimate Quest (2002)**

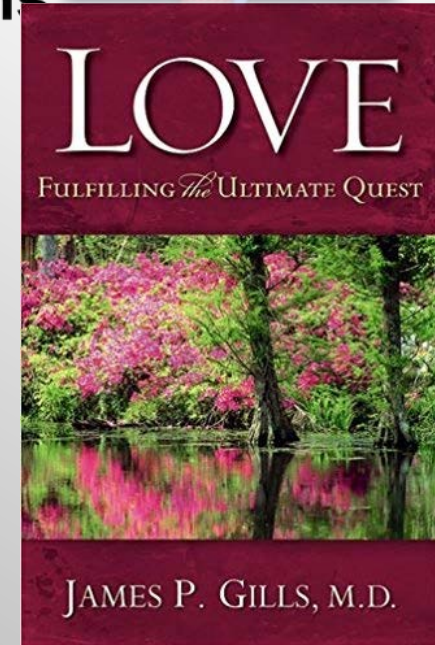
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**Filled with jewels of his own and others ... *like***

**To love and be loved the wise would give**

**ALL that for which alone the unwise live.**

**Walter Savage Landor (1775–1864)**



# Key Verse *PREFACE*

1 John 4:8, He that loveth NOT knoweth NOT God;  
God is LOVE.

*Agápē*

Colossians 1:15-17, Apostle Paul said,  
He—Christ—is the image of the invisible God....  
For by him all things were created: things in heaven &  
on earth, visible and invisible ... etc.; all things were  
created by him and for him. He is before all things, and  
in him all things hold together.

After discussing several virtues in Colossians 3, notice 3:14,  
And over all these virtues put on LOVE,  
which BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER for in perfect unity.

*Agapēn*



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**Key Verse – 1 Cor. 13:13**

**Now these three**

**Faith, Hope, Love—**

**but the greatest of these is**

**LOVE**

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Alternate Title

Love Always,  
Forever,  
Eternally



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**Dat's a whole lot of LOVE**

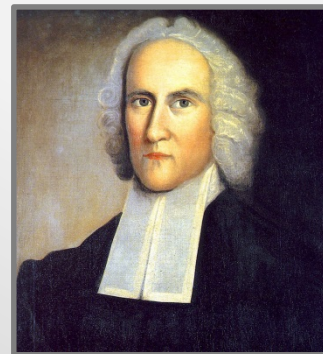


# LOVE to World of LOVE

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(Robert Carter, 1852, 1st 1738).

1st 1738



Jonathan Edwards  
(1703–1758)

Having within us that love which is immortal...  
we shall have the surest evidence that  
our immortality will be blessed,  
And that our hope of eternal life is that good  
hope which shall never disappoint us.\*



\* Jonathan Edwards (1730-58), [\*Charity and Its Fruits: Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life\*](#)  
(Robert Carter, 1852, 1st 1738)): 462.

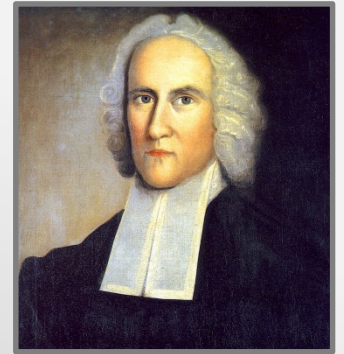




# LOVE to World of LOVE

Love cherished in the soul on earth,  
will be to us the foretaste of,  
and the preparation for, that  
world which is a WORLD OF LOVE,  
and where the Spirit of Love  
reigns and blesses forever.\*

Jonathan Edwards, 1738



Jonathan Edwards  
(1703–1758)



\* Jonathan Edwards (1730-58), *Charity and Its Fruits: Christian Love as Manifested in the Heart and Life* (Robert Carter, 1852, 1<sup>st</sup> 1738]): 462.



# Outline of 1 Corinthians

**You are HERE**

- |  |            |
|--|------------|
| I. Greetings & Thanksgiving                | 1:1-9      |
| II. Problems from House of Chloe           | 1:10–6:20  |
| A. Disunity                                | 1:1–4:21   |
| B. Immorality Tolerated                    | 5:1–6:20   |
| III. Answers to Letter <i>FROM</i> Corinth | 7:1-16:9   |
| A. Questions about Marriage                | 7:1-40     |
| B. Limitations of Christian Liberty        | 8:1–11:1   |
| C. Practices of Public Worship             | 11:2-16    |
| D. Lord's Supper                           | 11:17-34   |
| E. Exercise of Spiritual Gifts             | 12:1-14:40 |
| IV. Resurrection of the Body               | 15:1-58    |
| V. Conclusion                              | 16:5-24    |





# 1 Cor. Chapters 7-16 – on Letter they Wrote

1 **NOW FOR** the matters you wrote about:

We recall this once again ....

“**NOW FOR**” or “**Now About**” appear **7 Times**

7:1 *now for* **Husbands & Wives**

7:25 *now for* **Virgins**

8:1 *now for* **Food Sacrificed to Idols**

8:4 *now for* **Eating such Food**

chapters 9-10 more on idolatry

chapter 11 on Lord's Supper

11:1-16 – Men & Women Covering

11:17-34 – Lord's Supper

**You're HERE**

12:1 *now for* **Spiritual Gifts**

*chapter* **13 Love**

*chapter* **14 Tongues & Prophecy**

*chapter* **15 Resurrection**

16:1 *now for* **Collections**

16:12 *now for* **Apollos**



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**7 Items at Least**

# LOVE?



What is LOVE?

1 Cor. 13 tells us of Eternal Splendor

Key Word is LOVE – Agápē

Several TOP Authors Help Us





Great Philosopher **Hagär** the Horrible

With best friend **Lucky Eddy** at the Pub 4-19-18



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Lucky Eddy takes a look ...



# Professor James Moffatt (1870-1944)

Washburn Professor of Church History, Union Theological Seminary, New York

*Love in the New Testament* (Hodder & Stoughton, London: 1929; 333p.).

**Matchless, unprecedented, thorough ... like his 35+ other books**

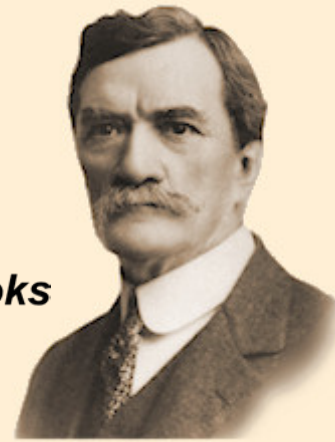
**Best Biblical study on LOVE ... he translated O.T. & N.T. too**

**On LOVE prior to the New Testament era:**

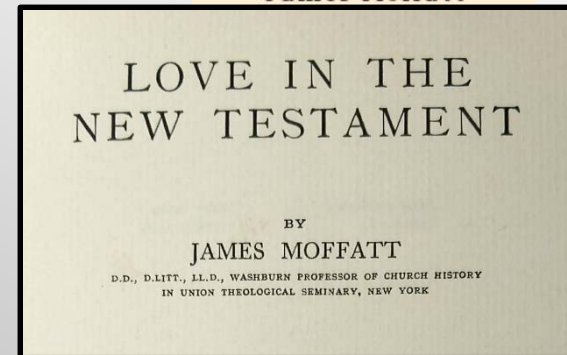
**pre-Christian period does not show in any  
quarter a real anticipation of LOVE between the  
deity and man, such as Christianity revealed.\***

**Neither in Judaism or Greek thought:**

**Love as divine LOVE for men is EQUALLY ABSENT.\***



James Moffatt



\* James Moffatt (1870-1944), *Love in the New Testament* (Hodder & Stoughton, London: 1929; 333p.), 10, ALL caps mine.



# LOVE—Radiant Jewel

Sir John Templeton wrote in 2000,

**Loving relationships with all of life  
are the radiant jewels in the  
crown of spiritual achievement.\***

Investor and Philanthropist ...

Founder of the great Templeton Growth Fund

1999, *Money* magazine named him

**"arguably the greatest global  
stock picker of the century."**



Sir John Marks Templeton  
1912 – 2008



\* Sir John Templeton, Pure Unlimited Love—An Eternal Creative Force and Blessing Taught by All Religions  
(Templeton Foundation Press, 2000): 56.



# LOVE—Eternal Force

Founder of the Templeton Foundation

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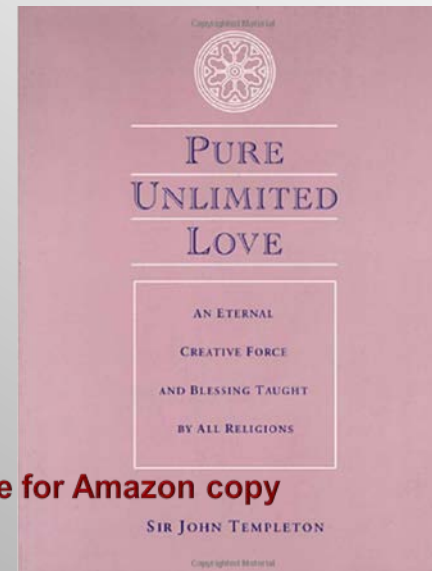
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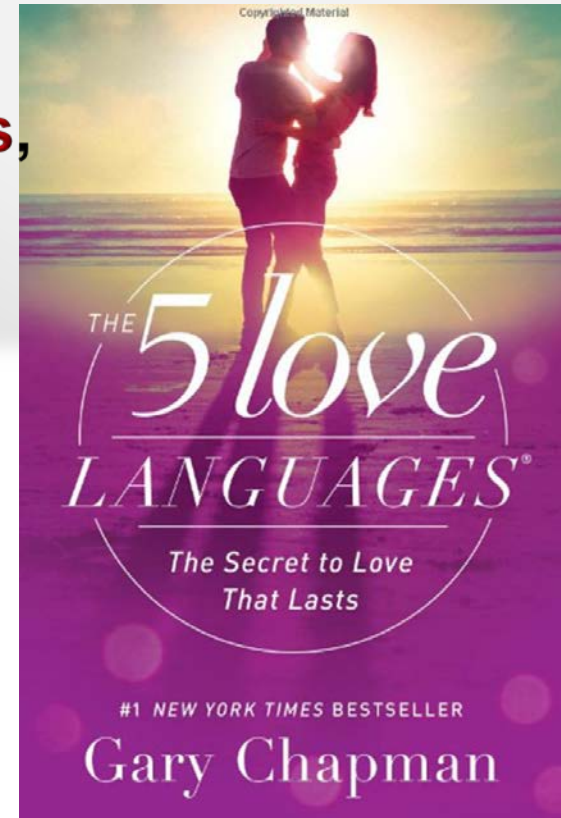
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5. **Love Language #2 – Quality Time**
6. **Love Language #3 – Receiving Gifts**
7. **Love Language #4 – Acts of Service**
8. **Love Language #5 – Physical Touch**
9. **Discovering Your Primary Love Language**
10. **Love Is a Choice**



# LOVE we have ALWAYS Known

C.S. Lewis' *The Four Loves* (1960; 160p)  
[Download \*The Four Loves\* in PDF](#)

Grand work by one of the greatest  
20th Century Christian Apologists

**Arguably best modern work on LOVE**

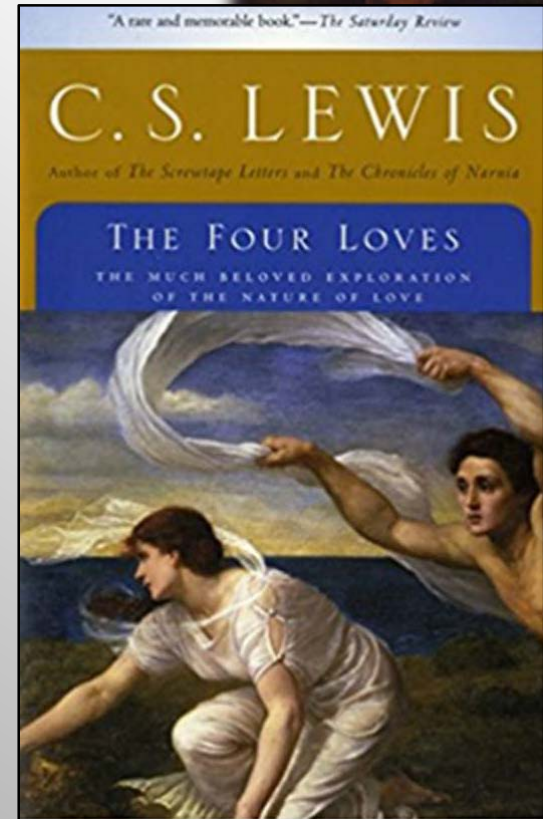
Lewis has a matchless style & insight!

**Supremely Academic**

yet accessible to all readers

**Best Philosophy on LOVE**  
**SKILLFULLY made EASY to read**

**Lewis was a Literary Genius**



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# C.S. Lewis popularized Greek Four Loves

1. Storge – **STORE-gay** – Kinship LOVE,  
1x in Bible as Father/Mother to Child  
Rom. 12:10b, “**devoted**” in honor to one another
2. Philia – **Fi-LEE-ah** – Friendship LOVE, loyalty  
1x in Bible ... James 4:4, **friendship of the world**  
6x in Bible ... **Philadelphia = *Brotherly Love***
  - ✓ Heb. 13:1, **let BROTHERLY LOVE continue**
  - ✓ 2 Pet. 1:7, **to godliness, BROTHERLY LOVE 2X ... w LOVE (Agápē).**
3. Eros – **EAR-os** – Sexual LOVE, physical, passionate  
NOT IN BIBLE ... from Greek god of love, son of Aphrodite
4. Agápē – **Ah-GAH-Pay** – Soul Love, self-emptying,  
unconditional ... from God first



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In his inimitable, exquisite way, Lewis said,  
For the dream of finding our end,  
the thing we were made for, in a Heaven of  
purely human love could not be true  
unless our whole Faith were wrong.

We were made for God. Only by being in some  
respect like Him, only by being a manifestation of  
His beauty, lovingkindness, wisdom or goodness, has  
any earthly Beloved excited our love....

When we see the face of God we shall know that  
we have always known it.\*



Clive Staples Lewis  
(1898–1963)  
Rembrandt van Rijn (1660-63)





**Agápē LOVE: 146x in N.T. ... in 20 Conjugations**

18x, **Agapēs** – Romans LOVE for Christ, LOVE of GOD

Col. 1:13, “**Kingdom of LOVED Son**”

33x, **Agapēn** – Luke 11:42, “**LOVE of God**”

John 13:35, “**By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you LOVE one another.**”

John 15:13, “**Greater LOVE has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.**”

Colossians 3:14, **And over all these virtues put on LOVE, which BINDS THEM ALL TOGETHER for in perfect unity**

Of course, 1 Cor. 13:1, 2, 3: “**... but do not have LOVE**”



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**64x, Agápē –**

**There's a semblance of this LOVE MISPLACED**

**2 Tim. 4:10, Demas hath forsaken me, having  
LOVED [agapēsas] this present world**

**John 12:43, For they LOVED [ēgapēsan] the  
praise of men more than the praise of God**

**John 3:19, light is come into the world, and  
men LOVED [ēgapēsan] darkness rather than light**

**Highest, Best LOVE is from GOD in Christ**

**Most Intimate between Married Christians**



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That is: **Agápē LOVE** is in ALL humans ...  
But never ... reaches its height in the DARK  
Never completes its task with worldly POISON  
That is **Agápē LOVE** reaches its height only  
Reaches its height only ... solely ... in God's favor  
Reaches its most treasured when Christ is treasured

**Most Intimate between Married CHRISTIANS**

**Best Banquet yet to Come  
Pictured as a Wedding Feast**



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**Agápē LOVE: 146x in N.T. ... in 20 Conjugations**

64x, **Agápē** – *furthermore as in*

Matt. 24:12, **People's LOVE** will grow cold.

John 15:9 & 10, **Abide in my LOVE**

**Sublime John 17:24-26 ... needs John 13-16**

- ✓ John 13 Jesus washed their feet ... **Jesus TALKS**  
Judas betrays ... Jesus foretells Peter's denial
- ✓ John 14 Jesus tells of going to many mansions  
whoever keeps my commands **LOVES**
- ✓ John 15 Jesus is the True Vine ... they will testify
- ✓ John 16 travail ... going to the Father ... **take heart**  
***I have overcome the world.***



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**Agápē LOVE: 146x in N.T. ... in 20 Conjugations**

**64x, Agápē** – *furthermore as in*

**John 17:1 ... Jesus looked to heaven & prayed:**

### **26 Majestic & Sublime Verses**

**24 “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you LOVED me before the creation of the world....**

**Āgapasas**

**26 I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the LOVE you have for me may be IN THEM and that I myself may be IN THEM.”**

**Agápē**

**Highest, Best LOVE is from GOD in Christ**



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**Agápē LOVE: 146x in N.T. ... in 20 Conjugations**

**64x, Agápē – 2nd Most Famous USE of all**

**1 John 4:8, He that loveth not knoweth not God;  
God is LOVE.**

**Most Famous USE of all ...**

**1 Cor. 13:4, 3x LOVE is patient ... is kind**

**1 Cor. 13:8, LOVE never fails**

**1 Cor. 13:13, 2x Abide these three, faith, hope, LOVE  
But the greatest of these is LOVE**

**Then Paul closes with Agápē in 1 Cor. 16:14**

**Let all your things be done with LOVE.**



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**ALL  
Agápē  
LOVE**





13:1-3 Necessity of LOVE – All without Love = NOTHING

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels,  
but do not have **LOVE**, I am only a  
resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

“tongues of angels” could be

- ✓ Ecstatic Tongues Corinthians Used & Abused
- ✓ Eloquent Speaking
- ✓ Judaism believed Angels spoke a heavenly tongue
- ✓ Pointing to Impossible, from man to heaven

Yet, gift of tongues NOT Language of Angels

Paul pointed to the impossible: **No Love = GONG**



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# What is LOVE

When you're down by the  
sea and an eel bites your  
knee

That's a Moray

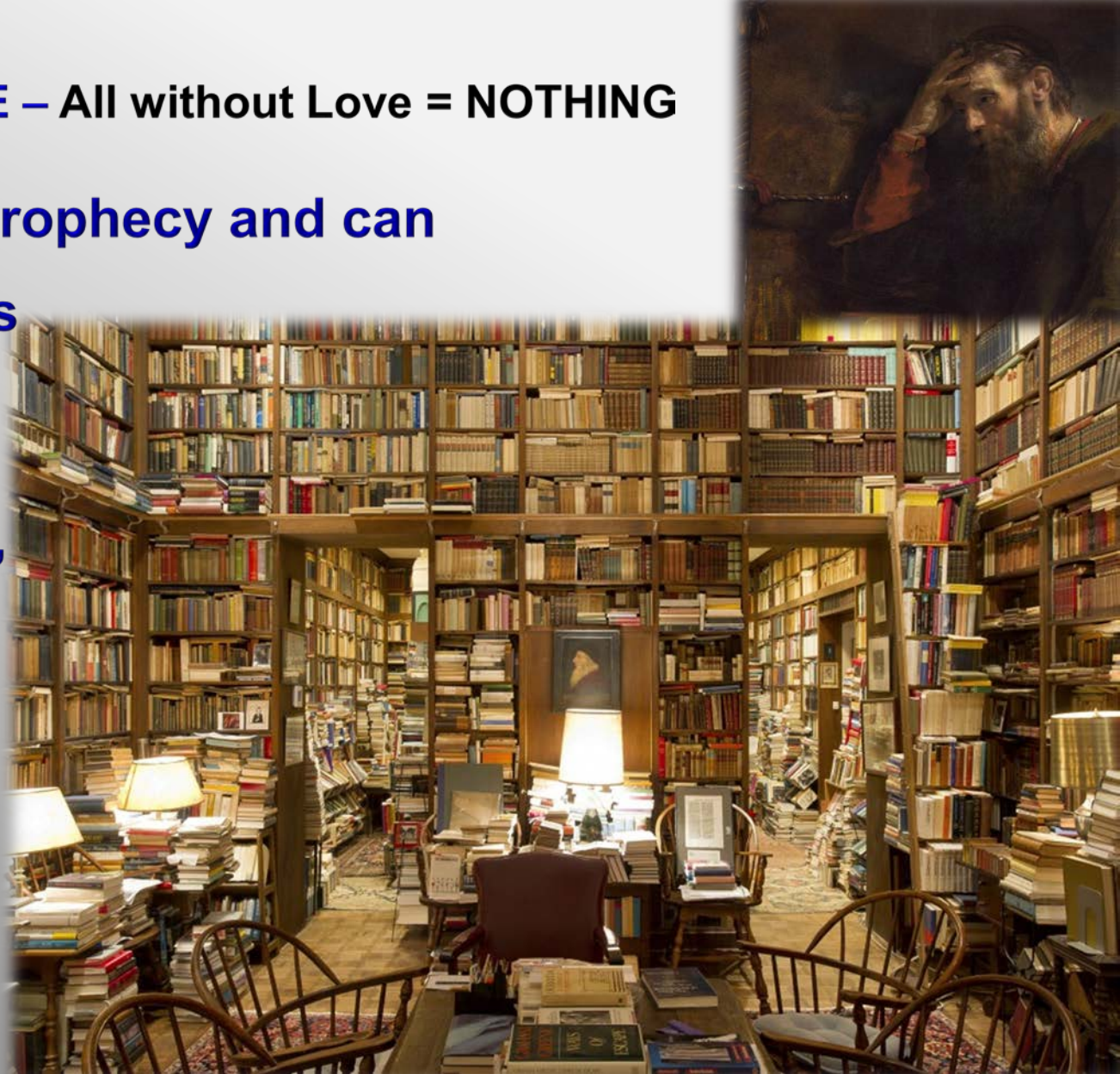
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13:1-3 Necessity of LOVE – All without Love = NOTHING

<sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can  
fathom ALL mysteries  
and ALL knowledge,  
if I have a faith that  
can move mountains,  
but do not have  
**LOVE**  
I am NOTHING.



# LOVE—Seed to a Rose

*The Rose – by Bette Midler*

#1 in 1980 [www.YouTube.com/watch?v=D8ZP1YW8uc0](http://www.YouTube.com/watch?v=D8ZP1YW8uc0)

Some say Love, it is a river,  
that drowns the tender reed.

Some say Love, it is a razor,  
that leaves your soul to bleed....

I say Love, it is a flower,  
and you its only seed....

And you think that Love is  
only for the lucky and the strong

Just remember in the winter  
far beneath the bitter snows

Lies the seed that  
with the **SON'S LOVE**

in the spring becomes the **ROSE.**

**LOVE is no simple affair ... nor for the timid**





# LOVE—Motives Are Everything

<sup>3</sup> If I give ALL I possess to the poor and  
give over my body in order to **boast**  
[KJV: give my body to be **burned**]  
but do not have **LOVE**, I gain nothing.

Some manuscripts have “**Boast**” others “**Burned**”

1 Cor. written on 3rd Journey from Ephesus

A.D. 54 Nero becomes Emperor ... **no Christians burning yet**

“Boast” or “Burned”—meaning is a **FALSE GIVING of ALL**

Your **MOTIVES** are everything in **LOVE**

**Do you know the struggle of LOVE—the WAR?**



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# Argyle Sweater

## Two Bears in LOVE

4-19-18

**Men**

and their uncanny  
ability with women to

**MISS the Moment**





# LOVE—Lily among the Thorns

When the grace of God comes into a man  
he is born at once to love....

No sooner is love born than  
she finds herself at war.

Everything is against her, for the world is full of envy,  
hate, and ill-will. I would warn the most loving-  
hearted that they have entered upon a war for peace,  
a strife for LOVE: they are born to hate hatred....



Charles H. Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)



# LOVE—Lily among the Thorns

As the lily among thorns,  
so is LOVE among the sons of men.  
As the hind among the dogs,  
so is CHARITY among the selfish multitude.



Charles H. Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)





# 13:4-7 Nature of LOVE – Patient, Endures ALL

<sup>4</sup> **LOVE** is patient,

**LOVE** is *k i n d*.

It does not envy,

it does not boast,

it is not proud.

**LOVE ... is**  
**Supremely KIND**



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# LOVE—Yours & Mine

Have I told you lately that I Love you?

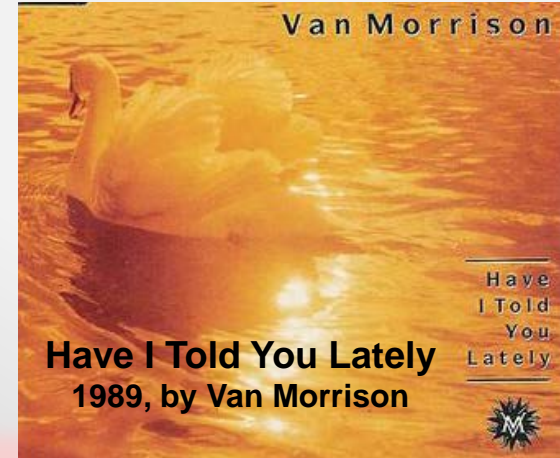
Have I told you there's no one else above you?

Fill my heart with gladness,  
take away my sadness,  
Ease my troubles, that's what you do.

For the morning sun in all it's glory,  
Meets the day with hope and comfort, too....

There's a Love less defined,  
and its YOURS AND ITS MINE.

Like the sun, and at the end of the day,  
We should give thanks and pray ...



**LOVE** is patient,  
**LOVE** is kind.



not envy,  
not boast,  
not proud.





13:4-7 Nature of LOVE – Patient ... Endures ALL Things

<sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others,  
it is not self-seeking,  
it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs.

<sup>6</sup> **LOVE** does not delight in evil  
but rejoices with the truth.

**LOVE—Is Magnificent Mercy**



# LOVE's Great Mercy

Love ... has a quick eye to see the  
best qualities of others,  
and it is habitually a little blind to their failings.  
Her blind eye is to the fault,  
and her bright is for the excellence.  
Somewhere or other I met with an old legend, —  
I do NOT suppose it to be literally true,  
but its spirit is correct.



Charles H. Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)





# LOVE's Great Mercy

Once upon a time, in the streets of Jerusalem,  
there lay a dead dog ... everyone kicked at it  
and reviled it. One spoke of its currish breed,  
another of its lean and ugly form, and so forth;  
but one passed by who paused a moment over the  
dead dog, and said, "What white teeth it has."

They said as he passed, "That is Jesus of Nazareth."  
Surely it is ... Lord's way to see good ... wherever we can.  
Brethren, think as well as you can even of a **DEAD DOG**.



Charles H. Spurgeon  
(1834-1892)



13:4-7 Nature of LOVE – Patient ... Endures ALL Things

<sup>7</sup> It always protects,  
always trusts,  
always hopes,  
always perseveres.



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**ALWAYS**  
**ETERNALLY**





13:4-7 Nature of LOVE – Patient ... Endures ALL Things

Always protects???

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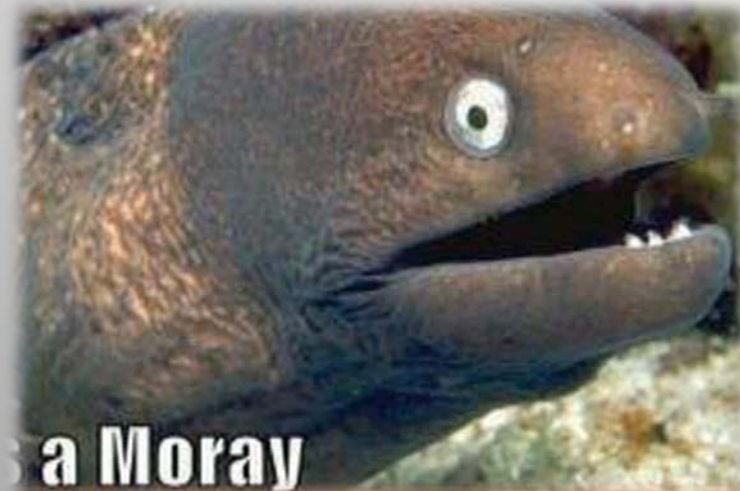
Zsa Zsa Gabor

I have never hated a man enough to  
give his diamonds back.

*Now that's a MORAY*



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a Moray

# LOVE Masters ALL Things

You will have to contend with “all things” ...  
for the world lieth in the wicked one ...

Every man’s hand is against his fellow, and  
few there be who honor the gentle laws of LOVE....

remember that “all things” in hell are against you.

What a seething mass of rebellious life....

The prince of the power of the air leads the van,  
and the host of fallen spirits eagerly follow him,  
like bloodhounds behind their leader.



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**ALWAYS**  
**ETERNALLY**



# LOVE Never Ends

Raymond Brown, Broadman Commentary said,

LOVE will last as long as God lasts, forever....

Our future has begun because LOVE already possesses us.

LOVE is the promise fulfilled already in the present.

It is the connecting link between now and then,  
and between here and hereafter.





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always trusts,  
always hopes,  
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**ALWAYS**  
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# LOVE—*Always* Working

Perhaps Love is like a resting place,  
a shelter from the storm;

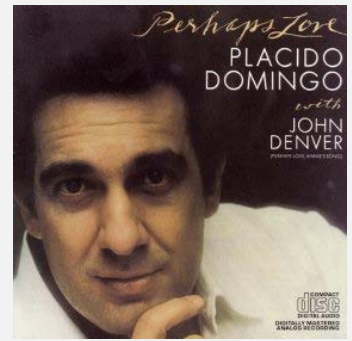
It exists to give you comfort,  
it is there to keep you warm....

It invites you to come closer,  
it wants to show you more.

And even if you lose yourself and  
don't know what to do,

The memory of Love will see you through....

Like a fire when it's cold outside,  
thunder when it rains.



*Perhaps Love*, 1981  
by duet Placido Domingo  
& John Denver  
written by Denver

If I should live forever,  
and all my dreams come true,  
My memories of Love will be of YOU.



13:8-13 Permanence of LOVE –  
Never Ends ... the Greatest

<sup>8</sup> **LOVE** never fails.

But where there are prophecies,  
they will cease;  
where there are tongues,  
they will be stilled;  
where there is knowledge,  
it will pass away.

**NEW World Coming**



Apostle Paul, c. 1657  
Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-69)





**13:8-13 Permanence of LOVE –**

**Never Ends ... the Greatest**

**<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part,**

**<sup>10</sup> but when completeness comes,  
what is in part disappears.**

**<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child,  
I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.**

**When I became a man,  
I put the ways of childhood behind me.**



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<sup>12</sup> For now we see only a  
reflection as in a mirror;  
then we shall see face to face.

Now I know in part;  
then I shall know fully,  
even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain:

faith, hope and **LOVE**.

But the greatest of these is

**LOVE**



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# To the Port of LOVE



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We have set our helm  
towards the Port of Love,  
towards it we will steer,  
come what may.

Baffled often,  
LOVE “endureth all things.”



# To the Port of LOVE

Yes brethren ...  
love conquers on all four sides.

Love ... sets the face of her warriors  
towards all quarters of the compass....

Does it happen that all her  
her spiritual foes attack ... ?

She lifteth up the banner  
of patience against them



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# To the Port of LOVE

by ... God's grace  
she putteth the infernal  
enemy to the rout,  
for she "endureth all things."

What a brave  
mode of battle is this!

Is not LOVE a man of war?



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# To the Port of LOVE

Is love not invincible?

LOVE denies herself,  
sacrifices herself,

that she may win victories ... and  
bring blessings on her fellow-men.

Hers is no easy pathway ...

**Hers shall be no tinsel crown**



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# To the Port of LOVE

Do you want an example of it?  
Would you see the very mirror &  
perfection of the LOVE  
that BEARETH ALL THINGS?  
Behold your divine Lord....  
How his glorious righteousness,  
his wondrous splendor of love,  
**has COVERED all our faults....**



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# To the Port of LOVE

What a COVERING  
was that when he said,  
“Father, forgive them, for they....”

What a pitying sight of the fearful  
misery of man our Lord Jesus had  
when holy tears bedewed those sacred eyes!



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# To the Port of LOVE

What a generous  
blindness to their  
infamous cruelty he  
manifested when he prayed  
for his bloodthirsty enemies.

O beloved ... in your own shorter measure  
may you possess that LOVE which can  
**silently bear all things ... for Christ's sake.**



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Charles H. Spurgeon, *Love's Labors*, 1 Cor. 13:7 (Sept. 4, 1881: #164)



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