

## What Is Love

### 1. **Love is an action.** Romans 5:8, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 3:17-18

(Romans 5:8) "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

(1 John 3:1) "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him."

(1 John 3:17-18) "But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? {18} Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

### • **Love is an attitude of the heart.** 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3) "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. {2} And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. {3} And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing."

### • **Love is walking in His commandments.** 2 John 4-6, 1 John 5:1-3, 1 John 2:5, John 14:21

(John 14:21) ""He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him.""

(1 John 2:5) "but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him:"

(1 John 5:1-3) "Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God; and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. {2} By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. {3} For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome."

(2 John 1:4-6) "I was very glad to find some of your children walking in truth, just as we have received commandment to do from the Father. {5} And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. {6} And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it."

### • **Love is edifying others.** Ephesians 5:25-30, 1 Thessalonians 2:7, 1 Timothy 1:5

(Ephesians 5:25-30) "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; {26} that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, {27} that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless. {28} So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; {29} for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, {30} because we are members of His body."

(1 Thessalonians 2:7) "But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children."

(1 Timothy 1:5) "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

- Nourish: To provide with food or other substances necessary for life and growth.
- Cherish: To hold dear; treat with affection and tenderness.
- Prophesying: edification, exhortation and consolation. 1 Corinthians 14:3
- (Oiko--) household + (Domeo--) roof = edify.
- Encouraging others. Ephesians 4:29

(Ephesians 4:29) "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."

- Disciplining others. Hebrews 12:5-11, Galatians 6:1-2, James 5:19-20, Proverbs 3:11-12, Proverbs 13:24.

(Proverbs 3:11-12) "My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD, Or loathe His reproof, {12} For whom the LORD loves He reproves, Even as a father, the son in whom he delights."

(Proverbs 13:24) "He who spares his rod hates his son, But he who loves him disciplines him diligently."

(Galatians 6:1-2) "Brethren, even if a man is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, lest you too be tempted. {2} Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfill the law of Christ."

(Hebrews 12:5-11) "and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; {6} FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." {7} It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? {8} But if you are without discipline,

of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. {9} Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? {10} For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. {11} All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

(James 5:19-20) "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth, and one turns him back, {20} let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death, and will cover a multitude of sins."

- Bearing their burdens. Galatians 6:2

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5. **Love is a fruit of the Spirit.** Galatians 5:22, Colossians 3:2, Romans 8:5-6, Ephesians 5:18, Ephesians 6:18, Hebrews 10:24-25

(Romans 8:5-6) "For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. {6} For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,"

(Galatians 5:22) "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

(Ephesians 5:18) "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,"

(Ephesians 6:18) "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,"

(Colossians 3:2) "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

(Hebrews 10:24-25) "and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, {25} not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

6. **Love is laying down your life for others.** John 15:13, Ephesians 5:24-29, 1 John 3:14-16, 1 John 4:7-11

(John 15:13) ""Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."

(Ephesians 5:24-29) "But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. {25} Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; {26} that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, {27} that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and

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(1 John 3:14-16) "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death. {15} Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. {16} We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

(1 John 4:7-11) "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. {8} The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. {9} By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. {10} In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. {11} Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

**7. Love is exchanging the world for His Kingdom.** 1 John 2:15-17, Matthew 13:44, Matthew 13:45-46

(1 John 2:15-17) "Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. {17} And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever."

(Matthew 13:44) "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

(Matthew 13:45-46) "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it."

**8. Love is abiding in Christ.** John 15:9-10

(John 15:9-10) ""Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. {10} "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."

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