

“LOVE... Defined Described”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (Part 2)

Introduction

Colossians 1:28 - “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.”

I. Paul’s Description of Love: A Portrait of Jesus Christ

- 1) **Love is patience in action:** Enduring wrong without taking revenge or complaining.
- 2) **Love is kindness in action:** Doing good to those who do not deserve it.
- 3) **Love does not act motivated by envy & jealousy:** Love rejoices in Christ and with others.
- 4) **Love does not boast:** Love does not try to make others feel inferior.
- 5) **Love is not arrogant:** Love is not consumed with self but is _____ looking.

Proverbs 8:13 - “The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech, I hate.”

Proverbs 16:18 - “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

1 Peter 5:5b - “...for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

Note: Boasting is a sin of the mouth while arrogance is the root sin found in the _____.

John 13:1-17 -

- 6) **Love is not rude:** Love honors & respects people as _____ of God.

Luke 7:36-50 -

- 7) **Love does not insist on its own way:** Love _____ others first.

Note: Self-love, the lust for control & dominance, is the _____ of the human soul!

Romans 15:1-3 – “We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For even Christ did not please himself; but as it is written, ‘The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.’”

Matthew 26:36-42 -

8) Love is not irritable: Love _____ itself and its circumstances to God.

Note: We really like to _____ other people for our anger and our irritability!!!

Mark 7:21-23 – “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and they defile a person.”

Note: Sinful irritability comes about as we focus upon our “_____” and our wants/desires.

1 Peter 2:23 - “When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.”

9) Love is not resentful: Love longs for & seeks _____ and reconciliation.

Note: Love _____ to stop replaying and dwelling upon past offenses.

Romans 5:1 - “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Luke 17:3-4 - “Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent’, you must forgive him.”

10) Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing: Love cannot _____ in sin.

Luke 18:9-14 -

11) Love rejoices with the truth: Love desires to see people in _____ fellowship with God.

2 John 1-13 -

12) Love BEARS all things.

13) Love BELIEVES all things.

14) Love HOPES all things.

15) Love ENDURES all things.

Study questions for times of personal & family worship:

- 1) What is the connection between humility & love? How does one cultivate/develop humility?
- 2) What are some sinful heart motivations behind rude behavior? How should we view people?
- 3) How did Christ appropriately respond... to the self-righteous? to the humble/repentant? Why?
- 4) Where does sinful irritability come from? Why are we tempted to blame others for this sin?
- 5) How can we follow Christ’s example and address this sin of anger & irritability?
- 6) With Christ as our example, how should we respond when we are offended & sinned against?
- 7) What is the connection between love & truth? Can/should the two be separated?