

1 CORINTHIANS:

God's Glorious Church in Real Life

Sermon Title: "What Love Does" Part 1

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7,

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What love is, love does.

God is Love. Therefore, God's nature is displayed in what love does.

Scripture: 1 John 4:18; Colossians 3:12-14

Love displays the **mercy of God.**

- **Love is patient.** (*1 Peter 4:8; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:14*)
- **Love is kind.** (*1 John 3:16-18; Ephesians 4:32a; Luke 6:35-36*)

Love displays the **humility of Christ.**

- **Love does not envy.** (*1 Corinthians 3:3; Romans 1:29*)
- **Love does not boast.** (*Proverbs 13:10; Romans 1:30*)
- **Love is not arrogant.** (*Proverbs 26:12; Romans 12:16*)
- **Love is not rude.** (*Romans 12:10; Philippians 2:3*)
- **Love is not self-promoting.** (*Romans 15:1-3*)
- **Love is not irritable.** (*Proverbs 12:16; 14:17; 15:18*)
- **Love is not resentful (bitter).** (*Hebrews 12:15*)

Conclusion: (*1 John 4:9-12, 15-16*)

- Know and **believe** Christ's love.
- **Meditate** on Christ's love.
- **Walk** in the way of Christ's love.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

- How has God demonstrated patience and mercy towards you? Towards all mankind?
- In which of the areas listed above do you most struggle to display Christ love? Why is that?
- Why do so many of the characteristics of love seem to deal with pride?
- How can one grow in love?
- What does John mean when he says that God's "love is made complete in us?" How does this relate to Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 13:1-7?