

SERMON SERIES
UNITING IN WORSHIP
“LOVE LIKE YOU’VE BEEN LOVED”
1 Corinthians 13:4-7
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I. Love acts for the well-being of the community (vv. 4, 6-7).

“Love is patient and kind”

“rejoices with the truth”

“Love bears all ...believes all ...hopes all ...: endures all”

1 Peter 4:8-9

“We should not cease to love our neighbor because he has injured us. We may pity him, but not hate him for it.”
-Jonathan Edwards

II. Sadly, we are all lousy lovers (vv. 4-6).

“love does not envy”

“or boast; it is not arrogant or rude”

“it is not irritable”

“does not rejoice at bad/evil”

1 Corinthians 4:6, 18-19; 5:2; 8:1; 10:23, 33; 14:40

“Selfishness is a principle that contracts the heart, and confines it to self, while love enlarges it, and extends it to others.”
-Jonathan Edwards

“Pride reproaches other images of God. Self-hatred reproaches oneself as the image of God.”
-Richard Pratt

“(Love) is a test of character.”
-Paul Barnett

III. Jesus loves His Bride completely and perfectly (vv. 4, 6-7).

Father's love → Sends the Son → Son Sacrifices

Son Sends Spirit → Spirit Works to Bear Fruit of Love

Romans 2:4; 5:1-11

Philippians 2:12-13

1 Timothy 1:15-16

"God's patience slows down the judgment process and opens the way for
reprieve from punishment altogether."

-Richard Pratt

"Patience bears with an offense, but indifference ignores it altogether."

-Richard Pratt

"It is easier to cry against one thousand sins of others than to kill one of your
own."

-John Flavel

"Love begins not with loving, but with being loved ... we can only give what
we have received."

-Paul Miller