

The Greatest Gift of All - Part 5

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The Text

⁴Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, ⁶ **does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;** ⁷ **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

1. Love gladly does the right thing. (6)

Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness (6)

Love does not find joy or happiness in what is not right according to God's Word: what God hates and calls sin and unloving, whether in your life or in the lives of others.

Rejoicing over the Death of the Two Witnesses – Revelation 11:3-10

Giving Hearty Approval to Evil Practices – Romans 1:22-32

Rejoicing at the Death of Jesus – John 16:20

David's Response to the Report of Saul's Murder - 2 Samuel 1:1-17

David's Response to the Murder of Ish-bosheth – 2 Samuel 4:5-12

Love rejoices with the truth (6)

Love does find joy or happiness in what is right according to God's Word: what God loves and calls righteous and loving, whether in your life or in the lives of others; what is truly right and loving and good; what the truth is and does and is meant to do.

Parables of Rejoicing over Salvation to Righteousness – Luke 15:1-32; see also John 17:17; Colossians 1:5; 3 John 1:4

Love as the Fulfillment of the Law – Romans 13:8-10

Ultimately, rejoicing in truth and not unrighteousness is rejoicing in the righteous God of truth. – Luke 1:46-47

2. Love is never thwarted by circumstances. (7)

Love bears all things (7)

Love bears up under (does not collapse under) the weight of sin in all people and all circumstances with a gentle and quiet spirit in order to preserve and protect relationships.

Paul's Sacrifice for the Gospel – 1 Corinthians 9:8-19

The Message for Peter – Mark 16:5-8

Love endures all things (7)

Love outlasts the sin against us and the suffering it brings.

Love Outlasting Suffering – 1 Peter 2:18-20

Loving to the End – John 13:1

Unquenchable Love – Song of Solomon 8:7

Loving in Spite of Circumstances – Matthew 1:23-25

3. Love is fueled by faith and hope.

Love believes all things (7)

Love believes the gospel of Jesus Christ and His finished work in all circumstances.

The Anchor of the Lord's Supper – Matthew 26:20-29

Love hopes all things (7)

Love hopes in God and all He has promised us in Jesus in all circumstances.

The Road to Emmaus – Luke 24:18-27

Wives Loving Disobedient Husbands – 1 Peter 3:1-6

Faith Works through Love – Galatians 5:5-7; Matthew 19:26; Mark 9:23; Matthew 17:20;

Hebrews 11:1; Hebrews 10:32-36; Hebrews 12:1-2

Loving by Believing – Luke 1:42-45

Conclusion

At the end of the day, we all have to answer these questions:

- What will you do about your *Guilt*? Will you rest in Jesus? Are you resting in Jesus?
- What is your supreme *Good*? Will you hope in God? Are you hoping in God?
- What is your *Goal*? Will you pursue love? Are you pursuing love?

How you answer these questions determines your *God* and your future.

Jesus *said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. – John 14:6

They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." – Acts 16:31