

“Love is Patient and Kind”

1st Corinthians Series [#39]

1 Corinthians 13:4a

- Introduction – epithets
– the mark of the Christian: *love*

A. The Centrality of Love

1. A corrective for Corinth...
2. The *absence* of love (vv 1-3)
3. The *nature* of love (vv. 4-7)

B. The Patience of Love

1. Long-suffering / long-tempered!
2. A fruit of grace, by the Holy Spirit
3. Also an act of restraint for us...

C. The Kindness of Love

1. Defined: to be gentle, benign, kind
2. Divine kindness
3. Daily kindness

Applications

- ◆ Look to Jesus – our Savior & our model
- ◆ Learn from hard situations
- ◆ Love at all times, brother! Prov. 17:17

✠ Amen ✠