



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

Love is... May 18-20, 2019

(1 Corinthians 13) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. {2} If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. {3} If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. {4} Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. {5} It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. {6} Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. {7} It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. {8} Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. {9} For we know in part and we prophesy in part, {10} but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. {11} When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. {12} Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. {13} And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1. Agree/disagree: "Love is...letting someone sleep late."

2. In between two chapters (1 Cor. 12&14) that deal with spiritual gifts, the Holy Spirit has St. Paul insert a chapter on love. Why?

3. Give one real life example for any of these qualities of love:

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love is kind.*

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4. Which of these qualities of love do you most need to work on this week?

5. Give an example of how Jesus displayed any of these qualities of love in his life.

6. Jesus has given you his perfect life. How does that impact your desire/ability to love others?

7. According to vv. 8-12, how will life in heaven be different/better than life on earth?

8. Why do you think that Paul said that love is greater than faith or hope?

9. Where is the Law in this section? Where is the Gospel?