

## ***Faith Requires Mutual Love***

***Hebrews 13:1-3;  
1 Corinthians 13***

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## ***Aim for Change***

***By the end of this lesson, we will define  
Christian love & discuss it's implications***

***Reflect on the ways we experience  
Christian love in our lives;***

***Practice love as it is rooted  
in our faith in Christ.***

## ***Keep in Mind***

***And now abideth faith, hope, charity,  
these three; but the greatest of  
these is charity  
(1 Corinthians 13:13).***

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## ***In Depth #1***

***A Plea for Brotherly Love  
(Hebrews 13:1-3)***

### ***A Timely Exhortation***

***<sup>1</sup> Let brotherly love continue.***

*What kind of love*

\_\_\_\_\_ – *Display of affection*  
*within the spiritual family*

*What is the tense of the compound verb let continue?*  
*Present tense*

***Circumstances Must Not Negate Our Love***

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### ***The Rationale Behind the Exhortation***

***<sup>2</sup> Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:  
for thereby some have entertained  
angels unawares.***

*Public accommodations were not always  
available nor \_\_\_\_\_*

*Love because it is the \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do*

***Love Must Be Inclusive***

### ***The Rationale Behind the Exhortation***

***<sup>3</sup> Remember them that are in bonds, as bound  
with them; and them which suffer adversity,  
as being yourselves also in the body.***

*Don't withdraw; Identify with our brothers*  
*You could be \_\_\_\_\_*

***Let Brotherly Love Continue!***

### ***In Depth #2***

***Love Is the Basis of Our Faith  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-3)***

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## **Christian Love**

*A willful decision to treat others  
with the utmost care &  
act in their best interests*

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## **Love is Contrasted**

to \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>1</sup> Though I speak with the tongues of men  
and of angels, and have not charity,*

### **Conclusion:**

*I am become as sounding brass,  
or a tinkling cymbal.*

## **Love is Contrasted**

to \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>2</sup> And though I have the gift of prophecy, and  
understand all mysteries, and all knowledge;  
and though I have all faith, so that I could  
remove mountains, and have not charity,*

### **Conclusion:**

*I am nothing – \_\_\_\_\_ - Useless*

## **Love is Contrasted**

to \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>3</sup> And though I bestow all my goods to  
feed the poor, and though I give my body  
to be burned, and have not charity,*

### **Conclusion:**

*it profiteth me nothing. Worthless.  
Only what you do for Christ will last!*

## ***In Depth #3***

***Love Is the Proof of Our Gifts  
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7)***

**Love's \_\_\_\_\_**

***<sup>4</sup> Charity suffereth long - patient  
and is kind - tender hearted  
charity envieth not - does not have evil desires  
charity vaunteth not itself - is not self seeking  
is not puffed up - is not proud***

***How can you show this type of love?***

## ***Love's Prohibitions***

***<sup>5</sup> Doth not behave itself unseemly - disorderly  
seeketh not her own - is not self serving  
is not easily provoked - not easily angered  
thinketh no evil - keeps no record of wrongs***

***To show love, I need to work on...***

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**Love's \_\_\_\_\_**

***<sup>6</sup> Rejoiceth not in iniquity,  
but rejoiceth in the truth;***

***You Rejoice in What You \_\_\_\_\_ in;  
You Delight in What You \_\_\_\_\_ in.***

## Love's Parameters

<sup>7</sup> *Beareth all things – always protects  
believeth all things – always trusts, optimistic  
hopeth all things – always has a positive expectation  
endureth all things. – always perseveres*

**Our Action Should \_\_\_\_\_  
within the Circle of Love**

## In Depth #4

**Love Is Permanent  
(1 Corinthians 13:8-13)**

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## Love's \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> *Charity never faileth (will never cease)  
but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail;  
whether there be tongues, they shall cease;  
whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.*

*Some gifts will \_\_\_\_\_ longer be needed;  
But, love is eternal*

*How have you experienced Christian love?*

## Love's Superiority

<sup>9</sup> *For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.*

*In the \_\_\_\_\_:  
Imperfect Knowledge  
Partial Knowledge*

*In the \_\_\_\_\_:  
Perfect Knowledge  
Complete Knowledge*

**Love** \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>10</sup> But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.*

*<sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

**The Imperfect Will Be** \_\_\_\_\_  
**with the Perfect**

**Love's** \_\_\_\_\_

*<sup>12</sup> For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.*

**Contrast:** \_\_\_\_\_ **and But** \_\_\_\_\_

**Now -The Word; But then Christ - face to face**  
**Now - partial; But then, - full knowledge**

**Summation**

*<sup>13</sup> And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.*

**Abideth –** \_\_\_\_\_ **continuous tense**

*Faith – time into eternity  
Hope – time into eternity  
Love – unites us*

**Aim: Practice love as it is rooted in our faith in Christ**

**In order to fulfill this aim this week, I will:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**My first step will be (action):**

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\_\_\_\_\_