

# Loving God and Others

Love Is **All You Need**

Love is **Practical**

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 NLT

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Love is **Loyal**

Verse 7 TLB

*“If you love someone, you will always be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him.”*

Love Is Not Completely **Understood** Now

Verse 12 TLB

*“We can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror, but someday we are going to see him in completeness, face to face. Now, all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.”*

**Faith, Hope and Love**

Verse 13

*“There are three things that remain—faith, hope and love—and the greatest of these is love.”*

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## Faith Will Become **Obsolete**

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

## Hope Is Only **Temporary**

Love Is **Eternal**

*“Love never fails”*

*“Love goes on forever.”*

## The **Greatest Commandment**

Mark 12:29-31 NIV

“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.’<sup>30</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

Matthew 22:40 NIV

“All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

## Enough Love to **Die**

John 13:38 NIV

Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me?”

Revelation 2:10 NLT

Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

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## No Great Love

John 15:13 NIV

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

*"Love Him with all your heart."* Your heart is where you feel. Emotions.

*"Love Him with all your mind"*. Your mind is where you think. Thoughts.

*"Love Him with all your soul"* Your soul is where you decide. Desires.

*"Love Him with all your strength."* This is where you act. Actions.

*"I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one more thing that I wish I could give them and that is faith in Jesus Christ. If they had that and I had not given them a single shilling, they would be rich. If they had not that and I had given them all the world, they'd be poor indeed."* Patrick Henry

## Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.

Colossians 3:12-18 NIV

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the LORD forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the LORD Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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