



Love



2 Pet. 1:7

Introduction

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- 2 Tim. 3:16-17 -“unto all good works”
- In **brotherly love** the Scriptures have furnished man the cure for most of the problems that exist between brethren today

Love

Love Defined

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- **“Love here...signifies active good will toward mankind in general... J. Tolle**
- **This is a willingness to put another’s happiness or well-being above your own**

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- It is the love that would lead us to sacrifice self for the sake of another
- It is the kind of love God has for us
- Jn. 3:16

Love

The Nature of True Love ⁵

- 1 Cor. 13:4-8
- **Suffers long** = is long tempered; patient with the weakness and shortcomings of others

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- **Is kind** = sympathy in action; gentle, not harsh; practices the “Golden Rule”
- **Envieth not** = is not moved with jealousy; not grieved at the success of others

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- **Vaunteth not itself** = does not put itself forward to be noticed; love does not boast
- **Is not puffed up** = is not arrogant; true love is humble and meek

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- **Doth not behave itself unseemly** = love has good manners; is careful of the feelings of others; courteous
- **Seeketh not her own** = is not selfish; puts God and others first

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- **Is not easily provoked** = not irritable; not easily offended; is mild tempered
- **Thinketh no evil** = does not itemize and store up grievances, real or imaginary; thinks the best of people

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- **Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth** = rejoices in the best; we are happy when truth prevails
- **Beareth all things** = perseveres; is willing to cover the faults of others when it can

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The Nature of True Love ¹¹

- **Believeth all things** = believes the best; gives the benefit of the doubt
- **Hopeth all things** = is optimistic; one who loves another hopes for the very best

The Nature of True Love ¹²

- **Endureth all things** = loves makes us suffer and endure without bitter condemnation
- **Never faileth** = love never fails; love does not pass away;

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Conclusion

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- 1 Cor. 13:13

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