

Living a Resurrected Life: A Life of Love

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1 Corinthians 13

1 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.

Love is not a feeling. It is intentional and sacrificial.

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

A Life of Love is...

1. MODELED BY CHRIST

- Christ was a servant – He humbled Himself for our sake
- He took the punishment that we deserved upon Himself
- He forgives us – He loves us as we are

➤ A LIFE WITHOUT LOVE IS JUST NOISE

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➤ A LIFE WITHOUT LOVE HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE

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➤ A LIFE WITHOUT LOVE HAS NO PURPOSE

1 Cor 13:3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

A Life of Love has...

2. DISTINCT QUALITIES

– LOVE IS:

1 Cor 13:4 is patient, is kind

6 rejoices with the truth.

7 always protects, always trusts,

always hopes, always perseveres.

8 never fails.

– LOVE IS NOT:

1 Cor 13:4 does not envy, does not boast, not proud.

5 not rude, not self-seeking, not easily angered,

keeps no record of wrongs.

6 does not delight in evil

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3. LIVED IN PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

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Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.