

What's Love Got To Do With It?

1 Corinthians 13:1-10

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I. Love adds value to everything. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

"Ministry without love _____ both the minister and those who are touched by it; but ministry with love enriches the whole church." (Wiersbe)

- **Romans 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been _____ out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. NKJV

II. Love edifies. 1 Corinthians 13:4a

Knowing that the purpose of Spiritual gifts is for the **edification** of the body of Christ, we must think more about others than ourselves, which of course takes _____ to accomplish.

- When we accept God's **love** given for us, and then we allow His **love** to flow through us, it is shown through acts of _____.

III. The eight not (s) of love. 1 Corinthians 13:4b-6a

Sin was living in Cain like a wild beast who wanted the taste of blood and _____.

- "Pride of face is obnoxious, pride of race is vulgar, but the worst pride is pride of _____!" (Guzik)

The things that break God's heart should break our hearts. Sin _____, so we should **not rejoice in iniquity**.

IV. Positives of love. 1 Corinthians 13:6b-7

1. **But it (love) rejoices in the _____.**
2. **Love bears all things.** (Bears can mean _____)
3. **(Love) believes all things;** literally to believe the _____ about.
4. **(Love) _____ all things.**

A person who loves the Lord knows and trusts that Jesus holds the _____, so our future is secure in Him!

5. **(Love) _____ all things.**

V. Love lasts forever. 1 Corinthians 13:8-10

Genuine _____ moves us to genuine _____.

1. Real ministry can only take place where _____ is genuine.
2. Peter would need the most love because he needed to lead the others by _____.

3. Peter had reverted back to his old life of fishing, but Jesus called Peter to _____ Jesus' Lambs and Sheep.
It's time to move on and get busy with _____!

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 13:1-3**. Discuss the four different Greek words for love. Discuss how love adds value to everything. *According to Romans 5:5, how do we obtain Agape love? Matthew 5:44, Matthew 22:37, Luke 6:32, John 13:35, John 14:15, John 14:21, John 15:9, Romans 5:8, Romans 12:9, Romans 13:10*
2. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4a**. Why were Spiritual gifts given? Discuss the meaning of the words 'patience' and 'kindness.' **1 Corinthians 12:7, 1 Corinthians 14:3, 5, 12, 17, 26**
3. Read **1 Corinthians 13:4b-6a**. Name and discuss the eight not(s) of love. **Romans 1:32, 1 Corinthians 5:1-2, Philippians 2:4, 1 Peter 4:8**
4. Read **1 Corinthians 13:6b-7**. Name and discuss the positives of love found within these verses. **Psalms 119:60, Proverbs 10:12, John 17:16-17, Romans 8:28-31**
5. Read **1 Corinthians 13:8-10**. How long does love endure?
6. Read **John 21:15-17**. What does genuine love move us towards? Discuss points **1-3** from point **V.** of the sermon note sheet.