

# Biblical Answers Week 23

## Love--Part 2, 1 Cor 13

I Cor 13:4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. 5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. 6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. 7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. 8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth].

- The Word does not focus on what love is so much as on what love \_\_\_\_\_ and does not do.
- We saw that Agape is \_\_\_\_\_, not abstract or passive. It does not simply feel patient, it \_\_\_\_\_ patience.

### Attributes of Godly Love

1. Christ-like even in \_\_\_\_\_. Love is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Patience never \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The patient man lives and practices the \_\_\_\_\_ about what God says about him.
  - In the Greek/Roman world in Jesus day, self-sacrificing love and non-avenging patience were considered \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Long-suffering is more than patience; it is \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ when faced with conflict or being provoked.

2. Christ-like in \_\_\_\_\_. Love is Kind

Luke 7:13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." 14 Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man I say to you, get up!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

3. Paul teaches us that love is \_\_\_\_\_. Love is never \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Envy desires to \_\_\_\_\_ someone of something they have.
  - Jealousy desires to have the same thing you have.
  - In contrast, love is generous in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Love, on the other hand, is open-handed and \_\_\_\_\_ with sincere praise for others, and gratefulness that God has enabled me to give.

4. Love is never egotistical or \_\_\_\_\_.

- The Greek word for ego is the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”
- Ego wants to parade man’s own imagined \_\_\_\_\_.

Finally Paul tells us:

- Love is not \_\_\_\_\_ up.
- Love does not seek its own way by being \_\_\_\_\_.
- Love is not easily angered.
- Love holds no \_\_\_\_\_.

The Nature of Love

1. Changeless \_\_\_\_\_
2. Forbearance
3. Shows its \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has a \_\_\_\_\_
5. Maintains \_\_\_\_\_