

1 John 3 – Let us Love One Another (Part 8)

The extraordinary love of God towards mankind, and the effects of it. (1-3)

The Command to Love

(1) Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us (given to us), that we should be called children of God (and so we are)! Therefore, the world does not know us, (and the reason is) because it did not know Him.

REVIEW: We studying how **God's love** is characterized in 1 Cor chapter 13. Today we'll continue our study in verse 6.

ANSWERS TO PART 7 – If we were meeting in person ... we would be looking up scripture together (noting different translations), have classroom discussion for definitions, and together fill in the blanks provided in the lessons. So in lieu of that ... answers will be provided on the last page for last weeks' lesson in order to give you some study time to complete the lessons yourself. Please know that you will get the most benefit out of the lessons if you delve into God's word yourself, look up definitions, and fill in the blanks provided.

OVERVIEW of 1 Corinthians Chapter 13

I. 1 Cor 13:1-3 Paul tells us that Biblical love needs to be a priority for Christians.

II. 1 Cor 13:4-7 Paul tells us what Biblical love is.

III. 1 Cor 13:8-13 Paul tells us that Biblical love is greater than all the spiritual gifts.

===== **BIBLICAL LOVE 1 Corinthians 13:4-7** =====

In 1 Corinthians chapter 13 ... Paul describes Biblical love in terms of action words.

“... let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” **1 John 3:18**

6a Love does not rejoice in iniquity (does not delight in evil)

DEFINE iniquity _____

DEFINE evil _____

Love is willing to want the best for others, and refuses to color things against others. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness. Love is never glad when things go wrong. Love doesn't gloat over someone that isn't liked who falls into sin. This kind of love seeks to avoid involvement in evil and helps others steer clear of evil, too. Love sensitively confronts and corrects. Love cares deeply and guards against sin because it knows that sin destroys.

James 4:7 _____

Thessalonians 5:22 _____

6b Love rejoices in the truth

DEFINE truth _____

Love rejoices in truth - means to be glad about behavior in accordance with the truth of God's Word. If someone repents, love rejoices. Love can always stand with and on truth, because love is pure and good like truth. Love rejoices when loved ones live according to truth.

3 John 4:1

CONSIDER: What did you learn about today's lesson? What made an impression on you?

RESPOND: Please take a moment to reflect on this lesson and how we can show others that God's love is in us. If you're open to sharing => **click** on the web link (on the Ladies of Grace web page).

REMINDER: Answers to last weeks' lesson are on the last page.

PRAYER Prayer to Seek Truth

Lord, help me to *seek* truth today –
To find it in places and people I wouldn't otherwise notice.
Teach me that in truth there is *wisdom* and *understanding*.
May seeking truth help me overcome my fears and frustrations.

Lord, help me to *strive* for truth in all that I do today –
That my thoughts, words, and actions may reflect Your *goodness*.
Show me that only in truth will I be *free* –
To live honestly and courageously,
To love wholeheartedly and unconditionally.

Lord, help me to *cherish* truth –
Knowing that You are the author of all that is beautiful, good, and true.
May truth reign in my heart, no matter what I encounter today – lies, mockery, confusion, or betrayal.
Your truth gives me *clarity* and *peace*.

Lord, You *created* truth. You are Truth.
Help me to *know* truth when I see it; *Learn* truth when I am taught it; *Love* truth, *Live* truth.

Help me to *share* truth with others today – Those who are lost and lonely, brokenhearted and weary,
Anyone who is suffering from visible or invisible pain.

Truth leads to greater *knowledge*, *Compassion*, *Understanding*, *Respect*, *Charity*
And *excellence* in all virtues.

Truth *strengthens* me, *Guides* me, *Leads* me, *Protects* me, *Keeps* me.
I am *constant* when I dwell in Your truth.
I am *unafraid* of what I may face.
I am vigilant and poised for speaking
The witness of who You are in truth.

Amen.

<https://jeannieewing.com/prayers/prayer-to-seek-truth/>

<https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/1-corinthians-13/>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/lesson-5-what-love-looks-1-corinthians-134-7>

<https://www.learnreligions.com/love-is-patient-love-is-kind-bible-verse-701342>

----- ANSWERS TO LESSON 7 -----

5a Love does not behave rudely (it does not dishonor others or does not act unbecomingly)

DEFINE Dishonor disgrace, shame, humiliate, debase, lower, cheapen, discredit, drag down, smear, embarrass

DEFINE Unbecomingly not appropriate, attractive, or flattering, not in accord with the standards implied by one's character or position (conduct unbecoming an officer).

Prov 15:4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit

5b Love does not seek its own (not self-seeking)

DEFINE Self-seeking having concern for one's own welfare and interests before those of others; self-serving. self-absorbed, self-regarding, wrapped up in oneself, egotistical, selfish, inconsiderate, thoughtless, uncaring, looking after number one, concern for oneself before others, the act or practice of selfishly advancing one's own ends, seeking only to further one's own interests

Rom 12:10 giving preference to one another

Phil 2:3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

5c Love is not provoked (is not easily angered)

DEFINE Anger a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, hostility, irritation, resentment, wrath.

Ecc 7:9 Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry, For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

5d Love thinks no evil (keeps no record of wrongs)

DEFINE evil profoundly immoral, wicked, wrong.

Prov 17:9 He who covers a transgression seeks love