

Love

The Glue of Perfection

Overview:

Matt 5:48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.
Heb 5:14 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection;
Col 3:12-14 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 **But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.**

A. It's All About Love.

1. 1 John 4:8 He that loves not knows not God; for **God is love.**
2. Matt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
Matt 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.
Matt 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
3. John 15:10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.
John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
4. John 13:34 A **new** commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

B. For His Pleasure.

1. Rev 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.
2. Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
3. Rom 14:23 for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.
4. Gal 5:6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but **faith which worketh by love.**
Rom 13:10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.
Gal 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

C. Living in Love.

1. Agape love is giving.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another

2. Law of Genesis.

Luke 6:38 Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.

Luke 7:47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

3. John 14:21 **He that hath my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loveth me:** and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.

4. Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness (kindness), faith, humility and self-control (discipline, moderation). The definition of love below contains all 8 other parts of the FOS.

Summary.

Col 3:14 NKJV Love is the bond of perfection.

Col 3:14 AMP Beyond all these things put on and wrap yourselves in [unselfish] love, which is the perfect bond of unity [for everything is bound together in agreement when each one seeks the best for others].

Love is (1 Cor 13:4-8 AMPC)

v4 Love endures long and is **patient** and **kind**; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is (**humble**) not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.

v5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is (**gentle**) 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 (**peaceful**); not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].

v6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices (is **joyous**) when right and truth prevail.

v7 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, (by faith) and it endures everything [without weakening] (by self-control).

v8 Love never fails