

1 John 3 - Love Supernaturally

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1 John 3:14

"WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN. HE THAT LOVETH NOT HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN DEATH."

- *Loving the brethren is a DEFINITIVE test of regeneration. NO love - NO regeneration.*
- *Loving the way God loves is humanly impossible without His life and Spirit dwelling within.*
- *The supernatural element of love manifests when:*
 - *we are rushed, busy, hassled*
 - *we are hurt or offended*
 - *we are fatigued, sick or in pain*
 - *the other person is being difficult*

1 John 3:15

"WHOSOEVER HATETH HIS BROTHER IS A MURDERER: AND YE KNOW THAT NO MURDERER HATH ETERNAL LIFE ABIDING IN HIM."

- *No person has a neutral effect on others; either we are giving life or taking life, provoking to love or provoking to selfishness, encouraging holiness or encouraging sinfulness.*

1 John 3:16

"HEREBY PERCEIVE WE THE LOVE OF GOD, BECAUSE HE LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US: AND WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR THE BRETHREN."

- *The definitive test of love is SELF-SACRIFICE; sacrifice of time, convenience, attention, energy, personal desires, agenda, reputation, status. NO sacrifice - NO love.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

"Charity SUFFERETH LONG, and is KIND; charity ENVIETH NOT; charity VAUNTETH NOT ITSELF, is NOT PUFFED UP,"

- **Love always manifests with these qualities; love never fails to love. Love is not dependent upon the relationship, circumstances, history, emotions or suffering.**
- **These qualities of love must be exercised and practiced by the enabling of the Holy Spirit.**
- **suffereth long** - *patient in bearing the offenses and injuries of others, slow to anger, slow to avenge, slow to punish*
- **kind** - *to be useful, act benevolently, goodness in action*
- **envieth not** - *jealous, envy, covet, to be heated or to boil with anger*
- **vaunteth not** - *to boast oneself, to self display, employing rhetorical embellishments in extolling one's self excessively*
- **puffed up** - *to inflate, blow up, make proud, to bear one's self loftily*

1 Corinthians 13:5

“DOETH NOT BEHAVE ITSELF UNSEEMLY, SEEKETH NOT HER OWN, IS NOT EASILY PROVOKED, THINKETH NO EVIL.”

- **behave itself unseemly** - *act unbecomingly, unseemly*
- **seeketh not her own** - *crave, require, demand, seek*
- **easily provoked** - *make sharp, irritate, provoke, arouse to anger, exasperate*
- **thinketh no evil** - *count, compute, calculate, make an account, to number*

1 Corinthians 13:6

“REJOICETH NOT IN INIQUITY, BUT REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH.”

- **rejoiceth not** - *be glad, happy, full of cheer*
- **rejoiceth in** - *congratulate, take part in another’s joy*

1 Corinthians 13:7

“BEARETH ALL THINGS, BELIEVETH ALL THINGS, HOPETH ALL THINGS, ENDURETH ALL THINGS.”

- **beareth** - *(stego) to cover with silence, to protect or keep by covering, to conceal the faults and errors of others, endure, forbear*
- **believeth** - *be persuaded of, have confidence in, to have faith in*
- **hopeth** - *to expect with joy and confidence*
- **endureth** - *to remain, to abide, to not recede or flee, to stay under, persevere*

1 Corinthians 13:8

“CHARITY NEVER FAILETH...”