

Love in Action

1 Cor 13:4-7

Is your love broken?

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

Christian love is _____

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 1 Cor 13:4-7

Chiasm -a literary device in which ideas are presented and then subsequently repeated or inverted in a symmetrical mirror-like structure. The center point is generally the emphasis

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Christian love is _____ because

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. James 1:19-20

Characteristics of Love:

- Patient :
Kind:
Doesn't envy :
Doesn't boast :
Isn't arrogant :
Isn't rude :
Isn't self-seeking :

Isn't irritable :

Isn't resentful :

Doesn't rejoice at evil :

Rejoices with truth :

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things:

Discussion Questions:

- How would you rate yourself in loving others?
- Are there areas of love's descriptions that you excel at? Are there areas that you are sorely lacking?
- Share one time when you were loved well in this kind of way. Share one time when you loved someone else well.
- How does preaching the gospel to yourself help you love others better?
- Who is one person you need to love better?
- Can you fill your name into these descriptions? Which area do you struggle with the most? Ask God to help you grow in those areas.

_____ is patient, _____ is kind. _____ does not envy, _____ does not boast, _____ is not proud. _____ does not dishonor others, _____ is not self-seeking, _____ is not easily angered, _____ keeps no record of wrongs. _____ does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. _____ always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Additional Scripture:

1 Cor 13:4-7

James 1

John 13:31-38

1 John 4:7-21

Gal 4:13-26

Additional Resources:

"The End of Memory: Remembering Rightly in a Violent World" – Miraslov Volf

"The Four Loves" – Clive Staples Lewis

"The Freedom of Self Forgetfulness: The Path to True Christian Joy" – Timothy Keller