

“Faith, Hope and Love”

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails . . . ¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:3, 4-8a, 13 (New International Version)

Hope is an optimistic attitude of mind that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes.

Faith is the assurance that God will do what He says He will do and our acting on that conviction.

Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. Romans 4:20-21 (NIV)

Agape love is the highest form of love, charity and the love of God for man and of man for God.

- The Preference of Love (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

Principle: Marriage is about reflecting the love nature and character of God to our spouse, and together to the world!

- The Properties of Love (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 (NIV)

Application: Speak 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 to your spouse this week.

- The Permanence of Love (1 Corinthians 13:8-13)

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. Romans 5:3-5 (New Living Translation)