

Love is the Well-Spring

1 Corinthians 13:1–10 (NKJV)

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;

love is considerate of others

6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

love is loyal to truth, even in adversity

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

love is enduring

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

we see no other attribute emphasized in God's word as much as Love, except maybe

Faith and Hope

2 Timothy 3:1–4 (NKJV)

1 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good,

4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

the purpose of the Spirit of God prophesying through an individual was for the health of the body of believers

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV)

3 But he who prophesies speaks Edification and Exhortation and Comfort to men.

Re-1 Corinthians 13:1 Psalm 107:11 (NKJV)

11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, And despised the counsel of the Most High,

Psalm 107:17-22 (NKJV)

17 Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses.

20 He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!

22 Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, And declare His works with rejoicing.

Re-1 Corinthians 13:1 Proverbs 15:1-4 (NKJV)

1 A soft answer turns away wrath, But a harsh word stirs up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch on the evil and the good.

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

wholesome = healing, gentleness:acting in a manner that is gentle, mild, even-tempered.
Health, restoration

Proverbs 12:18-20 (NKJV)

18 There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, But the tongue of the wise promotes health.

19 The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
 20 Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil, But counselors of peace have joy.

i.e.-Job 6:14 (NKJV)

14 “To him who is afflicted, kindness should be shown by his friend, Even though he forsakes the fear of the Almighty.

Consider the book of James. God gives us very practical instruction in the exercise of Love. James 1:1 (NKJV)

1 James, a bondservant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, **To the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad**: Greetings.

here’s an acknowledgment of the hardship of persecution that caused the dispersion.

What was needed for these believers was instruction in how to deal with this difficulty in a way that would preserve them in faith. Exhortation

the varying topics taught throughout this letter build up – Edify, Exhort, Comfort

if love for God and fellow believers, and for the lost also was absent these words would be wasted.

Romans 5:1–11 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in **Hope** of the glory of God.

3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

5 Now **Hope** does not disappoint, because the **Love** of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

1 John 4:12–14 (NKJV)

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. (the Spirit of Adoption)

14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

Romans 8:14–17 (NKJV)

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.