

What is a *Changed Life*?

Part 1 LOVE I Corinthians 13

Much has been written and said about "Love." Most is silly and much erroneous. So, what is LOVE?

Both verses, I John 4:8 and 16, say **GOD IS LOVE!**

Let's see what the LOVE GOD says about Love in His LOVE LETTER to us!

WHAT LOVE IS NOT! (Review)

Popular misconceptions:

>Love is NOT Just a FEELING

>Love is NOT Just an EMOTION

>Love IS NOT _____

WHAT LOVE IS! God says...

>Love is a matter of _____ "And over all virtues, put on love, which binds them all together."

Colossians 3:14

>Love is a matter of CONDUCT "Let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and truth."

I John 3:18

LOVE can go from EXCITING to EXHAUSTING to EXPIRED!

What is the quality/state of your love? Your love for God, your spouse, children, friends?

TAKE the Love TEST!

#1	LOVE is Patient, Gentle, Overlooking vs. 4a		
<u>ALIVE</u>	<u>DYING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
when it has _____	when it is in a hurry	when it cannot wait	

Love is *patient*.....

"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's fault's because of your love." Ephesians 4:2

#2	LOVE is Kind, Tenderhearted, Caring, Forgiving vs. 4b		
<u>ALIVE</u>	<u>DYING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
when it _____	when it forgets	when it ignores	

Love....and *kind*.

Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

#3	LOVE is Trusting, Believing, Humble		vs. 4, 5
<u>ALIVE</u>	<u>DYING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>	
when it is _____	when it starts doubting	when it stops trusting	

Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude.

I Corinthians 13:4b

#4	LOVE is Freely Giving, Forgets the Past	
<u>ALIVE</u>	<u>DYING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>
when it is _____	when it starts exchanging	when it is taking

Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged.

I Corinthians 13:5

#5	LOVE Acts Like Love Regardless of Circumstances	
<u>ALIVE</u>	<u>DYING</u>	<u>DEAD</u>
when it acts regardless of _____!	when it feels but doesn't act	when it only acts when it feels

*"It **always** protects, **always** trusts, **always** hopes, **always** perseveres."*

I Cor. 13:7

THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS?

How do I keep a love alive? Don't take if for granted, keep working at it!

Continue *LOVING ACTIONS* (kindness, caring, time, patience) regardless of feelings!

How do I handle a love that is dying? Don't operate from fear, but in simple *loving actions!*

Fear *chains* us, love *changes* us!

What do I do with a love that has died? Don't give up!

We serve a God that is a **MASTER** at Resurrecting the dead, even Dead Relationships!

CHOOSE LOVE TODAY!
CONTROL the way you ACT!