

BIBLICAL LOVE

2 Pet 1:5–8 - 5 ... applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, 6 and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, 7 and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 13:13 - But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:8, 16 - 8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love....16 ... God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

1 Cor 13:4-7

**9. *LOVE DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A
WRONG SUFFERED – v 5***

2 Cor 5:19 - ... God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them...

1. I will not continue to think about what you did or said.
2. I will not bring up the sin again to punish or embarrass you – not to you and not to others.
3. I will not try to make you pay for what you did.

10. *LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE IN
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT REJOICES IN
THE TRUTH – v 6*

*Rom 1:18 - the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and **unrighteousness** of men, who suppress the truth in **unrighteousness**.*

Isa 5:20 - Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness...

The Pharisee prayed this way: *Luke 18:11 – God, I thank You that I am not like other people...*

Instead, love says – *There but for the grace of God go I.*

KENT HUGHES : *Gossip is what you say about someone else behind their back that you would never say to their face. Flattery is what you'd say to someone's face that you'd never say behind their back.*

*Rom 1:32 - ...although they know the ordinance of
God...they ...gave approval to those who practice them.*

...rejoices with the truth.

Love rejoices AT truth.

Rom 1:18 - ...men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

2 Thes 2:12 - all will be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in unrighteousness.

1 John 1:6 - If we say we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

John 14:6 - I am the way, and the truth, and the life...

Eph 4:21 - ...truth is in Jesus.

Verse 7...

11. *LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS*

1 Pet 4:8 - Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Prov 10:12 - Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions.

Verse 7...

12. *LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS*

Gal 6:1 - ... if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.

Verse 7...

13. *LOVE HOPES ALL THINGS*

Rom 5:1–5 - 1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Heb 6:19 - This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast...

1 Pet 1:3 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Job 13:15 - Though He slay me, I will hope in Him...

Psa 39:7 - And now, Lord ... My hope is in Thee.

Psa 62:5 - ... my hope is from Him.

Verse 7...

14. *LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS*

1 Thes 1:3 – ...steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ...

James 5:7–8 - 7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. 8 You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

1 Pet 1:6–7 – 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Love bears what otherwise is unbearable.

It believes what otherwise is unbelievable.

It hopes in what otherwise is hopeless.

And it endures when anything less than love would give up.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#1 – *Summarize the role of our THINKING in living out biblical love in the face of suffering, hurt, or difficulty.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#2 – Why is it so easy to be glad at the news of another's misfortune...or when you learn that someone in public life has been found guilty of wrongdoing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#3 – *Why should unrighteousness should grieve us?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

#4 – *What in the OT foreshadows the kind of love that covers sin?*

