

Love Is Both a Gift and a Choice - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10

- We must be born again to receive God's gift of love - Jo 1:12
- We choose to practice the presence of God in us: get lost in His perfect love
- We choose to practice the presence of others: we look with love, not just for it
- We choose to make it our objective to love - I Cor 14:1
 - ...to be sacrificial, not successful

To Pursue Love Is to Enter into an Operational Oneness with God - Jo 17:19-26

- We receive an infinite supply - II Pet 1:3-4; Ga 2:20
 - ...His love in me for others will never die - I Cor 13:8
- We receive an inner compelling - II Cor 5:14
 - ...to address the needs of others - I Jo 3:16
 - ...to invest in a community of shared life - I Cor 12:12-27
 - ...to embrace His mission to the word - Jo 20:21; Acts 1:8

His Love Is Helpful - I Cor 13:4

- It looks like patience - II Pet 3:9,15; Eph 4:2
 - ...we believe God is in control and actively at work - Acts 14:22; I Pet 5:10; Ro 8:28-29
- It looks like kindness - Ro 2:4
 - ...makes it as easy as possible for others to change

His Love Is Humble - I Cor 13:4

- True love goes low, not high - Phil 2:5-8
- Whatever God gives us is...
 - ...received by grace - I Cor 4:7
 - ...for the valley, not the mountain top - Mk 9:2ff
 - ...to wash dirty feet, not expose them - Jo 13:1ff

Love Is Heroic - I Cor 13:5

- It doesn't put itself first - Ro 15:3; Phil 2:6-7
- It subordinates body and soul to spirit - Heb 4:12
- It authorizes love to get the final word - I Cor 13:8
- It overcomes evil with good - Ro 12:21
- It is no burden to Christ - I Jo 5:3