

## "THE GIFTS"

Text Corinthians 13:7	Questions for further reflection
We've been looking at 1 Corinthians 13 over the past few weeks and we see that Paul is painting the picture for us of what love looks like. The Corinthians may have been	What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching?
spiritually gifted, but they lacked love. Paul is trying to help them understand that the evidence of being spiritual is not in giftings, or supernatural manifestations like tongues speaking or prophesy, but the supernatural manifestation of love.  Remember the gifts were not the issue, but rather how they were being used. They were being used without love	Since love is paramount in the Christian life. What stood out most to you about the 4 characteristics of love?
Take away for today:	
I. Does he really mean "ALL THINGS"?	
How do we explain this all things? Does he really mean all things? Do you remember vs 6? Is this a contradiction?  Would Paul contradict himself and say that love willingly tolerates and is and, believing all things, even and,	In what ways do you see yourself deficient in displaying these four characteristics of love? What needs to change?
without? Certainly not! We know this to be true because there are several other Bible passages that tell us not to believe and trust. Also we are not to put up with false teaching, and sin.  • The word "all" in our english vocabulary is taken at face value and means	
""  But if we went with that, it would certainly go against the other Scriptures that tell us to not to.	

What is your hope in? What's your confidence in? What do you look towards with an eager expectation? Things, people, family, places, money or assets? Many put confidence in	The word "All" that is used here means  "So not "everything without exception"."
riches. Paul warns 'do not set your hope on riches, because	So not everything without exception.
they are Instead hope in God.	So Paul does not mean in I Cor 13:7 that love bears, believes,
	hopes and endures all things without exception.
Lovehoping in God. Love	If that's the case then what does he mean?
does not hope for a from the one it shows	
let you down. Romans 5:1-5	He means that in various situations and categories that there are to love.
	The emphasis is on Matthew 18:22
	II. Love always
	<ul> <li>This word is translated different ways. You can find it as 'bears all things'; 'always protects'; 'puts up with all things'; and 'covers all things'. This word comes from a root which means '' - the roof on a house or building. It's not only used as a covering but also a way to protect. So we can say that love not only covers but also has a capacity to "" rather than "" Proverbs 10:11-12, I Peter 4:8</li> <li>Paul is using this word to say that love from view the sins of others, them from view, and thus protecting the sinner from some of the consequences of his sin. Genesis 9:20-23, Matthew 18:15-20. This does not mean that we hide sin in the name of "love".</li> </ul>
	Sin is shameful. Love does not parade around the sins of others, putting them on display, humiliating the sinner, (and I think this fits the context here in the previous verse (6) that love 'does not rejoice at wrongdoing').
	<ul> <li>The word can also be used as being up under a load. To bear a burden. I Thessalonians 3:1-5, I Corinthians 9:11</li> </ul>

• Love never in or	Love is able to bear all and endure all today because love doesn't look at the  This kind of love has its eyes fixed on
under duress. Love always holds up.	all and all.
III. Love always Is Paul repeating himself? No	This word believes is often translated as the word "" in the New Testament. So we can say with assurance Love  never"
This word carries the idea of, and means to Luke 2:43, Acts 17:14 In classical Greek it was often used in contexts.  Jesus points his to the need for this kind of perseverance. Matthew 24:9-13, Hebrews 12:2-3  Endurance means remaining whatever the cost, holding of the gospel as Jesus taught it, tenaciously others even when that seems irrational and dangerous.	<ul> <li>Love always</li></ul>
What is the difference between bearing all things and enduring all things?	V. Love always  Notice how this faith and hope are connected.
The difference between bearing all things and enduring all things, we could say that bearing all is like a	Faith is believing in what is ultimately and but not immediately (see Hebrews 11:1). Faith believes God is going to that which our eyes but which God has to us. Hope is our
IV. Love always  How do we do this? How can we love like this? What motivates a love that supports a limitless load and endures for a limitless duration? A love that remains steadfast in the face of hatred, betrayal, false teaching, even the threat of death? This is love that is beyond my capability. This is supernatural love. Where does it come from?	and for those things which are, which by faith we believe we shall receive. Romans 8:22-25