



“THE GIFTS”

- 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 riches. Paul warns 'do not set your hope on riches, because they are _____. Instead hope in God.
- Love _____ hoping in God. Love does not hope for a _____ from the one it shows love to. People will _____ let you down.
Romans 5:1-5

- The word "All" that is used here means " _____ " So not "everything without exception".

So Paul does not mean in I Cor 13:7 that love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things without exception.

If that's the case then what does he mean?

- He means that in various situations and categories that there are _____ to love. The emphasis is on _____. Matthew 18:22

II. Love always _____.

- 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
- Paul is using this word to say that love _____ from view the sins of others, _____ them over, _____ 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".

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').

- 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

- Love never _____ in or _____ under duress. Love always holds up.

III. Love always _____.

Is Paul repeating himself? No

- 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.

What is the difference between bearing all things and enduring all things?

- The difference between bearing all things and enduring all things, we could say that bearing all is like a _____ a limitless load, where endurance _____ for a limitless duration.

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?

- 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 _____ all and _____ all.
- This word believes is often translated as the word " _____ " in the New Testament. So we can say with assurance Love never _____.
 - Love always _____; it always has faith, even when life seems to be crumbling about us. Adversity is never an occasion for _____.
 - Love always has _____. Our love for God and our _____ in His Word should give us _____ faith in Him. This should teach us that while we should always trust God who is faithful we should never _____. Duet. 13:6-10. Our faith must not be in man but in God.
 - Love, true love, always manifests faith in _____ and in _____.

V. Love always _____.

Notice how this faith and hope are connected.

- 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 _____ and _____ for those things which are _____, which by faith we believe we shall receive. Romans 8:22-25