

## Devotional: Godly Love

### Christian Devotion on God's Love

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NKJV)

We read in this chapter that, really, nothing compares to real, genuine, Godly love—'Agape love'. Love that is unconditional. It doesn't matter how much of the 'gifts' we are operating in because if we do not have God's love inside, it means nothing. Everything we do needs to come from a heart of real, genuine love.

The outworking of this love in our everyday lives and relationships is in verses 4-8. Love is patient—never envious. Love is not inflated with pride, nor rude. Love is not resentful. Love rejoices over truth prevailing. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes. Love believes the best of every person and endures everything without weakening. Love never fails or becomes obsolete. This is a true description of God's love, and often seen as a perfect description of how a loving Christian marriage should be. How much more so is it to desire and to be clothed in Godly love, than it is to desire and to acquire 'gifts'? There will come a time when gifts will cease (V:8), and the incomplete and imperfect will vanish when the complete and perfect come (V:10). What will remain or abide is Faith, Hope and Love—and the greatest of these is Love(V:13).

May we truly grasp God's Love and desire to be filled with His love. The heart of God and the gospel of Christ is Love. We need to operate out of Godly love so that we will be effective in reaching out to this lost world. Sometimes that can be hard when we have been so damaged ourselves. But over time, God can heal us and fill us with His love. Allow Him to heal, change, renew and transform you. Break free from your cocoon and be clothed with Godly Love.

*Beloved, if God loved us so [very much], we also ought to love one another. No man has at any time [yet] seen God. But if we love one another, God abides (lives and remains) in us and His love (that love which is essentially His) is brought to completion (to its full maturity, runs its full course, is perfected) in us! - 1 John 4:11-12 (AMPC)*

Let the beauty of God's love  
Fill the void inside,  
So we'll reflect the love of God  
To touch another life.

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