

CHANGING THE WAY, YOU THINK ABOUT LOVE

MATTHEW 22:34-40; 1 CORINTHIANS 13

SERIES: *RETHINKING YOUR LIFE*

³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."...³⁹ And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' **Matthew 22:37, 39 (NKJV)**

⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well; ⁹ but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. **James 2:8-9 (NKJV)**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. **Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)**

1 CORINTHIANS 13

1. THE EXCELLING _____ OF LOVE

¹ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. **1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)**

- A. Love is more valuable than oratory (public speaking)
- B. Love is more valuable than _____
- C. Love is more valuable than _____
- D. Love is more valuable than _____
- E. Love is more valuable than _____
- F. Love is more valuable than martyrdom

2. THE ENABLING _____ OF LOVE

⁴ Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; **1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (NKJV)**

- A. Love enables us to be _____
- B. Love enables us to be _____
- C. Love enables us to not _____
- D. Love enables us to be _____
- E. Love enables us to be _____
- F. Love enables us to be unselfish
- G. Love enables us not to be irritable

3. THE ENDURING VICTORIES OF LOVE

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. ¹³ And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. **1 Corinthians 13:7-13 (NKJV)**

- A. Love _____ (vv. 7-8)
- B. Love Completes (vv. 9-11)
- C. Love Continues (vv. 12-13)

➤ *Only Jesus Christ can give this love in your heart.*