

Experiencing God: Love

1 Corinthians 13

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Introduction: 1 Corinthians 13

John 3: 16 – For God so loved the world . . .

Deut 6: 4 – Hear O Israel The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Leviticus 19: 18 – Love your neighbor as yourself

John 13: 34, 35 – Love one another as I have loved you

1 John 2: 9 – Whoever loves his brother abides in the light

1 John 4: 19 – We love because he first loved us

Galatians 5: 22 – But the fruit of the Spirit is love . . .

The Mark of a Christian

I. Love Modeled

a. Unconditional Love

- i. Easy enough to love people who are like us
- ii. God's nature is to love
- iii. God loves that which is opposite to Him ~ John 3: 16
- iv. A letter about a shirt and a wheelbarrow
- v. Love is patient and kind
- vi. Love does not envy or boast
- vii. It is not arrogant or rude
- viii. It does not insist on its own,
- ix. Is not irritable or resentful
- x. It does not rejoice in wrong doing but rejoices with the truth
- xi. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things endures all things
- xii. Love never ends

b. Indwelling love

- i. Gal 3: 3 – Having begun in the spirit, are you now perfecting yourselves in the flesh

II. Take Away

a. Live the love of God

b. Believe in Jesus Christ

c. Find a neighbor and determine to love them