

## ***Loving as God Loves***

Sermon Outline by Pastor Dennis Tuuri, July 6, 2008

- I. Love and Everything Else – Getting the Corinthians' (And Our) Attention vv. 1-3
- II. Love In Action vv. 4-7
  - A. The Header: God Is Love (1 Jn. 4:16) Love is Patient; Kind is Love
    - 1. Well-known verses (and prayers and songs) from the Old Testament  
Exodus 34:5-7; Numbers 14:18-35; Jonah 4:1-3; Ps. 86:15; 103:8: 145:8
    - 2. New Testament Citations
      - a. God – Rom. 2:4
      - b. Us, by Means of the God's Spirit Ga. 4:22; 2Co. 6:6; 1Jn 4:16; Rom 5:5
    - 3. Patience
    - 4. Usefulness (vs. Sloppy Agape) (Matt. 18:17,18)
  - B. The Contrasts
    - 1. Self-interest vs. Kindness
      - a. doesn't envy
      - b. doesn't boast
      - c. isn't puffed up
      - d. isn't rude
      - e. doesn't insist on its own way
    - 2. Hostility vs. Patience
      - a. isn't touchy
      - b. doesn't resentfully keep track of offenses suffered
    - 3. The Right Joy – In Truth, Not Wrong-doing
  - C. Four Commendations
    - bears all things, (Patient)
    - believes all things, (Kind)*
    - hopes all things, (Kind)*
    - endures all things. (Patient)
- III. Maturity, Love and, Surprisingly, Victory vv. 8-13

# The Love in the Love Feast

## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NASB)

### Two Characteristics

Love is patient  
*love is kind*

### Seven Contrasts

#### Contrasted by Self-interest (Kind)

*is not jealous;*  
*love does not brag*  
*is not arrogant,*  
*does not act unbecomingly;*  
*it does not seek its own,*

#### Contrasted by Hostility (*Patient*)

is not provoked,  
does not take into account a wrong suffered,

### The Right Joy

does not rejoice in unrighteousness,  
but rejoices with the truth;

### Four Commendations

bears all things, (*Patient*)  
*believes all things, (Kind)*  
*hopes all things, (Kind)*  
endures all things. (*Patient*)