

AUTHENTIC LOVE

Galatians 5:22-23

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

WHAT IS LOVE?

Love is NOT.....

***A FEELING
UNCONTROLLABLE
INDIFFERENT***

The Fruit Of Love

It is supernatural love, or agape love. It's a selfless and unconditional commitment to imperfect people. Agape is a love for the utterly unworthy, a love which proceeds from a God who is love.

THE NECESSITY OF LOVE (1Cor.13:1-3)

*If I speak in the tongues^[a] of men or of angels, but do not have love, **I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.** ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, **I am nothing.** ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,^[b] but do not have love, **I gain nothing.***

THE AUTHENTICITY OF LOVE (1 Cor.13:4-7)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

THE PERMANENCY OF LOVE(1Cor.13:8-12)

Love never fails. *But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.*

THE SUPREMACY OF LOVE (1Cor.13:13)

**And now these three remain: faith, hope
and love. But the *greatest of these is
love.***

LIVING THE LIFE OF LOVE

- Love those who are *close to you.*
- Love those who are *different from you.*
- Love those who *disagree with you.*
- Love those who *irritate you.*



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*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he
loved us and sent his Son as an atoning
sacrifice for our sins.*

1 John 4:10 NIV