

The Excellent Way - D.J. Horton

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

To be so commonly used, love is grossly misunderstood so defining it is of supreme importance!

In defining love Paul offers...

The Necessity of Love v.1-3

The Identity of Love v.4-6

John 13:35 (ESV)

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

LOVE IN THE BIBLE

- Eros: describes romantic Love (connection)
- Philia: describes brotherly Love (connection)
- Agape: describes a self-sacrificing, self-giving love for the good of someone else. (action)

Love is not/does not

- envy
- boast
- arrogant
- rude
- insist on its own way
- irritable
- resentful

Activity of Love

- Bears all things (present)
- Believes all things (future)
- Hopes all things (future)
- Endures all things (present)

Love never compromises Truth! Love celebrates it!

Some might argue that love is a passion, a pursuit, a pattern, or even a principle to live by... but for us, at the heart love is a PERSON.

The Excellent Way is to know love (Christ) by experiencing His love... and then love the church.

1 John 4:10-11 (ESV)

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”