

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 13:5

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FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE – PART 2

DISCOVERING THE NATURE OF GOD IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE

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1 Corinthians 13:4-7

: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; **:7** bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Here are 15 descriptions of the Nature, the Act and the Personification of God as lived out in the life of Jesus Christ.

FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

1.) Is finding Him who is altogether - Humble

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1a.) By His humility He puts up with us

1b.) By His humility He reaches out to us

1c.) By His humility He needs nothing from us

1d.) By His humility He came to be with us

1e.) By His humility He did everything for us

FINDING THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE

DISCOVERING THE NATURE OF GOD IN OUR EVERYDAY LIFE

2.) Is finding Him who is altogether - Consistent

v.5

1 Corinthians 13:5

:5 Love does not behave rudely, Love does not seek its own,
Love is not provoked, Love thinks no evil;

The immutability of God (that He does not change) is clearly taught throughout Scripture in countless passages. For example, in Malachi 3:6 God affirms, "*I the Lord do not change.*" James 1:17 tells us "*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning.*"

The Immutability of God

from the Theo - logical standpoint, there are several reasons why it is impossible for God to change. First is, if God could change from good to better He would be less than God now. If He could change from best to good He again would be less than God. The second is a matter of time. God is eternal but change requires a time-limited domain. The physical universe is in a state of change. God is outside of our time and space domain.

And His Love is An Unchanging / Immutable Love

That is - it cannot fail or lose interest in us or be lessened by us

Isaiah 46:9-10 ESV

Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, :10 declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,

Psalms 33:11

The counsel of the LORD **stands forever**, The plans of His heart **to all generations**

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ *is the same* yesterday, today, and forever.

2a.) By His consistency He assures me

1 Corinthians 13:5a

Love does not behave rudely,

behave rudely grk: **ajschmone÷w aschemoneo**, *as-kay-mon-eh'-o*; abrasive, crass, cold, to agitate, to be without courtesy.

His Love never acts up or is disruptive.

It's never looking for attention. It is not emotionally based or erratic. It is a Love that notices the smallest of details.

Proverbs 29:22 NLT

A hot-tempered person starts fights and gets into all kinds of sin.

Agitation

Jesus Christ is always consistent to
Love in the face of hatred or rejection.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... **self-control**. Against such there is no law.

In what way do I show this courtesy of God?

HE IS ALTOGETHER CONSISTENT

2b.) By His consistency He encourages me

1 Corinthians 13:5b

Love does not **seek its own**,

seek its own grk: **zhete÷w zeteo**, *dzay-teh'-o*; does not demand or seek its own comforts or ease. Not its way.

This is a Self-Less Love. It is a Love that delights in serving others. It takes pleasure in seeing others promoted. This Love takes the back seat every time.

The Opposite of This Love is:

Using others around you, At their expense, To get your way.

Jesus Christ is always consistent to
Love by encouragement and instruction.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... *kindness*. Against such there is no law.

Am I encouraging and instructive toward others?

HE IS ALTOGETHER CONSISTENT

2c.) By His consistency He accepts me

1 Corinthians 13:5c
Love is not provoked,

not provoked. grk: *paroxu/nw paroxuno, par-ox-oo'-no*; to exasperate, to sharpen alongside, to stir up or to heat up – to rub or to create friction. To be resentful, quick to anger, ill-tempered, bad disposition.

It never becomes short or **exasperated** with others.

Example of Exasperation

Mark 6:35-36

When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, *“This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. :36 Send them away,*

What an Attitude for Church Growth “Send them away”

But we can become just like that no matter our calling or vocation.

Burn Out Comes From Us Not Being With the Lord.

Alan Redpath writes;

There is perhaps nothing more disruptive and upsetting in a home than a bad disposition. The man or woman who is bitter and irritable is a foul presence in an otherwise comfortable setting. These are the people who seem to enjoy seeing others disrupted and made to be hurt. These are thin-skinned people who erupt into a volcanic spewing of harmful words fueled by a wicked heart.

Luke 6:45

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

Why Would We *not* Be Accepting of Another?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:18

Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

2 Corinthians 5:19

that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Repentance of sin, a Desire to draw close, a Heart after God

God's Love is not vindictive, temperamental, or unpredictable.

Jesus Christ is always consistent to

Love by enduring and waiting.

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... *longsuffering*. Against such there is no law.

Do I leave the outcome to God or must I get the last twist in to even the score or make a point?

1 Peter 2:21-23

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: **:22** *“Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”*; **:23** who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

Romans 12:19

Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord. **:20** On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” **:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

HE IS ALTOGETHER CONSISTENT

2d.) By His consistency He looks upon me

1 Corinthians 13:5d
Love thinks no evil;

Love thinks no evil; grk: **kakos**, *kak-os*´; not-worthless, not-depraved, not-injured; does not plot, does not design evil.

God's Love does not plot or design evil or harm - just to harm.

This Love of God "Thinks" all that is good first,
before thinking anything else. (The Benefit of the Doubt)

This is an Amazing Characteristic of God's Nature.

He who knows all, chooses to forgive & forget, He gladly sets aside His knowing of all our sin and shame and all our evil thoughts and deeds which we have ever done. (for Jesus' Sake He Does This)

Ephesians 4:32-5:1

And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. **5:1** Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

**When we hold "in memory" the evil done against us,
We do so with the hopes of getting even or revenge.**

(There are Polynesian practices among the natives of the South Pacific that if someone hurts or offends you, you would then dangle or tie a reminder to hate or to plot revenge against them - you would hang this thing from the corners of your hut. When the wind would blow the sound of the shells clanging would remind you to HATE)

Mark 11:25-26

"And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses. **:26 But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.**"

1 John 4:20-21

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?
:21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

Ephesians 4:26

“Be angry, and do not sin”:

Anger can be good. Anger can be bad.

“The Ol’ Puritans Used to Say
“Be angry with nothing but sin.”

Have you ever looked with lust toward another person? / Have you ever been angry with someone? / Have you ever told a lie? (*let’s see a show of hands*)

Psalm 7:11

God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.

God loves every human being BUT He hates sin.

So - because He is God He must punish the wicked because of their sin,
not because He’s God BUT because they are sinners.

**Jesus Christ is always consistent to
*Love by value and what is best.***

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love... **goodness.** Against such there is no law.

A Special Word About This:

1 Corinthians 13:5d

Love thinks no evil;

If there is a verse in the Bible that condemns much of what the internet has become - it’s this verse.

More people today sin and will be judged for it

Because of what they say and do on the internet. “**Gossip**” has found its steroid with the internet. “**Evil words**” have an infinite amount of ears to offend there. “**Sin**” has been given a welcome mat into every home.

Titus 3:2

Speak evil of no one, be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men.

Colossians 4:5-6

Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. :6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

There Are Those Today, In The Name of Ministry,

Who Use The Internet to Speak Evil, Rant, Vent, Vomit – sinning all along the way.

Matthew 5:23-24

Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **:24** leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

This Love of God Credits;

Others with the best possible motive for their words or actions. It is slow to draw up a negative or critical conclusion.

Matthew 12:33-37

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by *its* fruit. **:34** Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. **:35** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. **:36** But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. **:37** For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

Psalms 139:17-18 ESV

How **precious** to me are your thoughts, O God! How **vast** is the sum of them! **:18** If I **would** count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Will You Agree with God That

Rom. 3:23 you have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, Rom. 6:23a That you understand that the wages of sin *is* death, Rom. 6:23b but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 5:8 Believing today that God demonstrates His own love toward you, in that while you were still a sinner, Christ died for you. Rom. 10:13 But He now says to you that “*if you would call on the name of the LORD* you shall be saved.” Rom. 10:9-10 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **:10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

End of Study

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