

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT LOVE

**INTRO.:** Love is the mortar that holds the bricks of Bible truth together. Without love, religion can be cold, callous, & unfeeling.

## **I. WHY LOVE IS NECESSARY TO THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.**

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** DEUT 6:5 I JN 4:16 MATT 22:36-40 I COR 13:13  
**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Since we are commanded to love God with all of our capabilities, we cannot be obedient Christians without it. Deut 6:5
2. Since God is love, we cannot be god-like without it. I Jn 4:16
3. Jesus said the greatest command of all is to love our God & one another. Matt 22:36
4. Love is more important than faith. I Cor 13:13
5. Love is more important than hope. I Cor 13:13
6. Love is more important than the Ten Commandments. Matt 22:36-40

## **II. WHAT LOVE IS NOT.**

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** I COR 13:4-6

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

**I Cor 13**

1. Love is not envious. True love does not envy the success, gifts, talents, or possessions of others. 4
2. Love is not boastful- does not show off. 4
3. Love is not prideful- not conceited. 4
4. Love is not bad mannered- not rude, obnoxious, or offensive. 5
5. Love is not selfish. Love gives in. 5
6. Love is not touchy- irritable. Love is a sponge that absorbs much. 5
7. Love is not suspicious- critical, nagging, blaming. 5
8. Love is not sin loving. Love hates sin, evil, & wickedness. 6

## **III. WHAT LOVE IS.**

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** I COR 13:1-8

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Love is comforting. 1
2. Love is essential. 2
3. Love is generous. 3
4. Love is patient. Perhaps love's greatest quality-suffers long, assures, overlooks. 4
5. Love is kind- strong emotion that feels for, longs after, & wants to reconcile. 4
6. Love is best grown in soil of truth. 6
7. Love is strong enough to get through hardship, strain, difficulty. It holds us up. 7
8. Love is trusting. It thinks good of. It believes the best of. 7
9. Love is optimistic. It hopes & expects the best. 7
10. Love is enduring. There are no limits what it can bear. 7
11. Love is eternal- out lives prophecies, tongues, & knowledge. 8