

**LOVE  
IS WHAT  
WE ARE TO BE**



**I CORINTHIANS 13**

**I. Love for God is incomplete without displaying it by blessing others (I Corinthians 13:1).**



- Why is genuine love more persuasive than impressive speech?
- How can we make sure that our words are more than an obnoxious noise?

# II. Spiritual maturity and insight is incomplete without practicing love (I Corinthians 13:2).



- What happens to Christianity when we just focus on lofty concepts of faith?
- Why is our insight worthless if it has not led us to practice genuine love?

# III. Self-sacrificing religious devotion is nothing without genuine love (v.3).



- Why do we praise God about His self-sacrificing love more than for His perfection?
- As the body of Christ, what traits will others reject or praise?

# IV. Real love is two things: patient and kind (v.4).



- How are we doing at the task of practicing an enduring love?
- Why is love incomplete when it is just a concept without the actions of kindness?

# V. Love that is patient and kind does five things (v.6b-7).



- What does your love rejoice in?
- Who does your love protect?
- Who is confident in your consistent hope and trust?
- How are you persevering in our task of being the love of Christ in our world?



**Call to Action: To  
persevere in being the  
patient, kind love of  
Christ.**



- What is incomplete when love is just a concept?
- What is wrong with just trying to be religious?
- How does genuine love bless our relationship with God and each other?
- Who would describe your love as being patient and kind?
- How well is your love persevering for Christ?

**-How can we help?**