

“MORE THAN A FEELING”

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

(Part 2)

This 13th chapter is an amazing treatise on love where the first three verses show us what life looks like without love; the next four verses paint the portrait for what love does; and the last six verses expound on the greatness of love.

THE PROFILE OF LOVE

① It is _____ - _____ (13:4)

② It is _____ (13:4)

③ It is _____ (13:4)

④ It is _____ (13:4)

Boasting/bragging play no favorites!

puffed up → sprung up (_____ only; Luke 8:6). In contrast to this rings Philippians 2:3-5.

⑤ It is _____ (13:5)

rudely → all N.T. uses have a _____ context

When love is lacking, I will behave unseemly and act dishonorably

⑥ It is _____ (13:5)

The challenge is that self slips into the control tower and positions itself on the throne.

“Being first/right” is not the _____ of heaven.

⑦ It is _____ (13:5)

It lets the stabs and jabs of others bounce off instead of penetrate and chooses to return a soft answer in the face of wrath.

_____ can be a good thing, for they light up the dashboard of life and indicate something on the inside may not be working properly.

⑧ It is _____ (13:5)

When love is present, wrong doings are not totaled up, accounts are not kept open, and the books are not constantly referred to. Indeed, love does not _____ these offenses.

CONCLUSION

What a picture of love that if embraced, would send quite the powerful message to our lost and darkened world. What an amazing difference would be fashioned if Christians truly exercised biblical love.

Be careful. Time has a way of eroding what we tend to put on autopilot. The case study of the church of Ephesus (Revelation 2:4) is a powerful example. It can happen to you.