

“MORE THAN A FEELING”

I CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

(Part 3)

In contrast to the often unspectacular examples we see around us surfaces the embodiment of love from the Author of our salvation as captured in this thirteen-verse treatise in the Bible called the “Love Chapter.”

THE PROFILE OF LOVE

① It is _____ (13:6)

In a world of great sin, is it possible we might just be a silent, subtle _____ in this rejoicing in sin? What’s your _____ response when someone, even an enemy, gets caught up in his own sin?

Is there some unrighteous activity you yourself are rejoicing in?

1. Serving _____ or wasting it (Luke 16:9)
2. _____ worldly wisdom (Jn. 7:18; 2 Pt. 2:13)
3. Earning money via _____ pursuits (Acts 1:18)
4. _____ prominence or recognition (Acts 8:23)
5. Acquiescing to _____ lifestyles (Rom. 1:29)
6. _____ others in your actions (2 Thes 2:10)
7. Exercising an _____ tongue (Jms 3:6)

② It is _____ (13:7)

Bears → “_____” (Mark 2:4). Like a _____, it reaches out and extends protection from the elements that seek to overwhelm, oppress, and pound away. As such, it can be costly.

Endures → “_____” + “to _____.” It reaches out and goes with you through it.

Are you willing to stretch outside your comfort zone and be inconvenienced for others? Would that describe your love?

③ It is _____ (13:7)

This willingness to trust flows wondrously from the “_____” standard of Christianity.

Need some incentive? Consider your own failed/flawed side in your relationship with the Lord!

My hope is _____ because it’s fixed on the immoveable, unchangeable, immutable God.

CONCLUSION

The greatest gift is love; it is the more excellent way! Love is an overriding theme in Scripture and situates itself in some of the most recognized verses!

When Satan attempts to sound the accusation against the sinning believer, there is no sound. The Savior silenced it. There is therefore no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. That’s love!