

G R E A T B I B L E W O R D S

*LOVE*

Introduction: We are studying great Bible words. Tonight we conclude our look into what is probably the most famous triplet in the Bible: faith, hope, and love (**I Corinthians 13:13**). These are three great and powerful virtues. In tonight's lesson, I want to explore the subject of love. Paul defines love (**I Corinthians 13:4-8**). What does love do? How can we have it? Let's study together...

Discussion:

**I. Love Serves**

*"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many"*  
(**Matthew 20:28**)

**II. Love Stirs**

*"And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength... You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (**Mark 12:30**)

**III. Love Suffers**

*"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."* (**John 15:13**)

**IV. Love Surrenders**

*"Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God."* (**Romans 15:7**)

**V. Love Speaks**

*"...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ"*  
(**Ephesians 4:15**)

**VI. Love Sacrifices**

*"Submitting to one another in the fear of the Lord... Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord... Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her."*  
(**Ephesians 5:21-22 25**)

**VII. Love Saves**

*"...have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins."* (**I Peter 4:8**)

Conclusion: How can we understand the power of love? Paul describes its compulsion and power (**Romans 8:38-39**). Jeremiah describes it as an everlasting love (**Jeremiah 31:3**). Something amazing happens when we learn to just follow God's instructions. God will slowly mold us and make us into His image! God is LOVE (**I John 4:8**)! And, since we are His children, we are LOVE! Let's share this wonderful word with others!