

# The Gift of Love

House of the Lord Fellowship

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John 15:8 (NJKV)

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Now come to the reward of a life structured by the Word of Truth.

Our Lord did it under law, we are Anointed and empowered to do it under grace.

John 5:9 (NKJV)

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

Now look at the love admonition, of the God who is love (1 John 4:8), as relates to the identity of love.

1 Corinthians 13:1 (NAS)

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

Oratory, or speech making ability, the skilled use of words or phrases, means little without the motivation of love. Why am I teaching, preaching, exhorting, what is the desired result?

13:2

If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Flowing in the gifts of the Spirit, in faith, in performance ministry, means little, if love is not the motive.

13:3

And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Good deeds, sacrifice or martyrdom fall flat if love did not motivate or direct it.

13:4

Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

Love is known, by the actions produced, but moreso by the reasoning behind the action.

13:5

does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*,

Wow, love is a deep and caring thing.

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13:6

does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

Love and truth are inseparable.

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13:7

bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Never gives up – never quits \_\_\_\_\_

Never turns loose of faith \_\_\_\_\_

Galatians 5:6 (GAJ)

Letting circumcision speak for you, or not letting it speak for you, means nothing, it is faith that gets the job done, but more so faith which is motivated by love.

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Galatians 5:7-8 (NLT)

You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? <sup>8</sup> It certainly isn't God, for he is the one who called you to freedom.

Love, real, true love – never walks away \_\_\_\_\_

Never quits standing for \_\_\_\_\_

Always based on hope \_\_\_\_\_

Takes a licking \_\_\_\_\_

Messiah, our Lord, came as a manifestation of God's love.

Ministry must proceed from love

Of God \_\_\_\_\_

Of truth \_\_\_\_\_  
Of others \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:7 (NLT)

Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God.  
Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

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4:8

But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 Corinthians 13: love, not emotional love, not carnal love, but spirit led and empowered love. Love beyond reason.

Love never is reduced to, how does it make me feel.

Love is not an emotion, but can produce them.

Love is not possible without actions that depict and personify its nature.

Love has a nature, and a personality.

Loving God, loving others, loving truth, loving "in ministry", not loving the ministry.

Love is a commitment outside self that empowers ministry.

The fruit the love walk produces, tied to the Truth of His Word, is (Gal. 5:22).

The fruit the recreated human spirit produces is:

Love – joy – peace – long suffering (patience) – kindness – goodness – faith – meekness – temperance (self-control).

Love is not a feeling or emotion, it is an empowerment to live Truth, in the face of many oppositions.

Love of Truth empowers performance of Truth!!!

John 15:15 (NAS)

I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 10:10 (NAS)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.