

Put On Love



1Cor. 13:1 If I speak with the tongues of men (speak multiple languages for the Gospel's sake) and of angels (speak the languages of heaven), but the root motivation for that is not love, all my words are just noise, loud and annoying!

1Cor. 13:2 If I have *the gift of prophecy*, (so I can see into and declare the future) and know all mysteries and all knowledge (earned through study or given by God); and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but love is not the motivation for the operation of those gifts, I am NOTHING – NOBODY, I DON'T EXIST.

1Cor. 13:3 And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor* (Everything I have worked for, been given, or inherited), and if I surrender my body to be burned (as a martyr), but I am not operating in unconditional love that expects NOTHING in return - it means ZERO, nothing to God, no account is kept or recorded.



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1Cor. 13:4 Love is patient (*Always*), love is kind (*Always*) *and* is not jealous (*Ever*); love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,

1Cor. 13:5 does not act unbecomingly (*Ever*); it does not seek its own, is not provoked (*CAN'T* be provoked!), does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, (anybody have a list?)

1Cor. 13:6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness (any word or action that is not based on the Righteousness of God), but rejoices with the truth;

1Cor. 13:7 Love bears all things (always gets under the burden), believes all things (always looks for the best in others), hopes all things (expects a good outcome), endures all things (continues to love no matter what).

1Cor. 13:8 Love never fails;



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How do I love like that?

You can't give what you don't have!

You have to let the blood of Jesus be
enough!



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What is the change process?

2Cor. 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass (MIRROR) the glory of the Lord, are **changed** into the same image from glory to glory, *even as* **by the Spirit of the Lord.**

- 1) We are changed in His presence.



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Psa. 91:1 He that dwelleth (camps, stays, remains, lives) in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty

What is YOUR secret place?



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1John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Sin in the OT is about broken law = punishment.

Sin in the NT is about broken relationship = fellowship



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Heb. 4:16 Let us therefore come **boldly** unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Agape Love has NO conditions on God's part.



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2) We have to get our love from God

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.



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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love;
which produces joy & peace,
it acts with patience and kindness,
it manifest in goodness and faithfulness,
it is marked by gentleness and self-
control.”

23...there is no law against these!



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2Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Rom. 5:5 ...because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



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Vines have to stay attached to **BEAR** fruit. WE CANNOT PRODUCE IT.

John 15:4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



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John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

‘Remain’ = *abide, stay, dwell, continue*
(*meaningful T-I-M-E*)



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3) Get Love from God's Word

Rom. 10:17 Consequently, faith comes from (continually) hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.



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Josh. 1:8 Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.



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4) Put On Love

1Th. 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and **love** as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

If you Don't – He Won't...



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5) The Law of Sowing and Reaping

Gal. 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

2Cor. 9:6 But this / say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.



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