

Sequim Community Church
Learning to Love at All Times
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I Corinthians 13:4-8 ~ March 9, 2008

INTRODUCTION

- A. Love should permeate all of our relationships.
- B. Two misconceptions about love:
- Love is only a **feeling**.
 - Love is **uncontrollable**.

I. KNOW WHAT LOVE IS.

- A. Love is a matter of **choice**.
"And of all virtues, put on love, which binds us all together."
Colossians 3:14
- B. Love is a matter of **conduct**.
"...let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions."
I John 3:18

II. ACT LIKE LOVE ACTS.

- A. Love is alive when it has **patience**...dying when it is **hurried** and dead when it cannot **wait**.
"Love is patient..."
I Corinthians 13:4
"Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love."
Ephesians 4:2
- B. Love is alive when it is **kind**...dying when it **forgets**...dead when it **ignores**.
"...love is kind..."
I Corinthians 13:4
"...but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else."
I Thessalonians 5:15
- C. Love is alive when it is **humble**...dying when it is **boastful**... and dead when it is **proud**.
"It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud....it is not rude or self-seeking...."
I Corinthians 13:4
- D. Love is alive when it **rejoices**...dying when it is **angry** and dead when it is adding up **wrongs** done.

"...it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth." I Corinthians 13:5-6

- E. Love is alive when it acts its way into right feelings...dying when it feels and doesn't act or acts and doesn't feel...dead when it no longer feels or acts.

"It always protects, always trusts, always perseveres."

I Corinthians 13:7

- This is how Jesus loved us.
"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

CONCLUSION