

That You May Know (A Study of 1st John) “Christian Love—What Is It?” 1 John 3:16-18)

1 Corinthians 13:4-7—⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1. Christian Love Is...Rooted In Jesus!

1 John 3:16—¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

2. Christian Love Is...Sacrificial!

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3. Christian Love Is...Practical!

1 John 3:17—¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

4. Christian Love Is...Compassionate!

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5. Christian Love Is...More Than Words!

1 John 3:18—¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

6. Christian Love Is...Genuine!

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“Jesus does not love like us. We love until we are betrayed. Jesus continued to the cross despite betrayal. We love until we are forsaken. Jesus loved through forsakenness. We love up to a limit. Jesus loves to the end.” (Dane Ortland)