

Gifted to Love | October 6, 2019 | Pastor Brian Griffin

John 3:16

**For God so loved the world,^[a] that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but
have eternal life.**

John 15:13

**Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay
down his life for his friends.**

Paul...

Romans 5:5

**and hope does not put us to shame, because God's
love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy
Spirit who has been given to us.**

Philippians 1:9-11

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

1. Love is foundational to all God's acts of benevolence towards people.

2. The Love of Christ is deposited into the heart of the Christian when they put their faith in Jesus.

3. Love is both an emotion of the heart and deeds toward others.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,^[a] but have not love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;^[b] ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

2 Peter 3:9

⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,^[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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Romans 5:8

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Corinthians 8-13

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

