



Love is ...

1 Corinthians 13

Part 8



Every Sunday is
Resurrection Sunday!



"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

 1 John 4:16



Characteristic #12

Love is Protective

1 Corinthians 13:7

"beareth all things"

“bears all things”

- Hurtful words
- Thoughtless actions
- Personal differences



"bears all things"

- deck, thatch, cover
- to protect or keep by covering, to preserve
- by covering to keep off something which threatens, to bear up against, hold out against, and so endure, bear, forbear



"bears all things"

- to protect by covering or supporting
- Love **protects** those you love from exposure, ridicule, harm.
- Even when there is a problem, love tries to correct the problem with the least possible hurt and harm.



*“bears **all things**”*

- Individually, each, every, any, all, the whole, everyone, all things, everything





Characteristic #13

Love is Trusting

1 Corinthians 13:7

"believeth all things"

“believes all things”

- Love always assumes the best.
- Love is a *“harbor”* of trust.





Characteristic #14

Love is Hopeful

1 Corinthians 13:7

"hopeth all things"

“hopes all things”

- Love believes that as long as God's grace is operative, human failure is never final.



“Love bears all things”

(Love is PROTECTIVE)

“believes all things”

(Love is TRUSTING)

“hopes all things”

(Love is HOPEFUL)



How does love cover all things & endure all things?

1. Love sets firm boundaries around abuse.
 - In love, be honest about the hard parts.
2. Love prays rather than nags.
3. Love forgives rather than holds.
4. Love affirms when it can.
5. Ask God to help you love despite the flaws and intentionally commit yourself to love God's way.