



# The Greatest of These is Love

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**1 Corinthians 13** <sup>13</sup> And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. NKJV

**Philippians 1** <sup>9</sup> I continue to pray for your love to grow and increase beyond measure, bringing you into the rich revelation of spiritual insight in all things. TPT

**Matthew 22** <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus answered him, “‘Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you.’” <sup>38</sup> This is the great and supreme commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it in importance: ‘You must love your friend in the same way you love yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> Contained within these commandments to love you will find all the meaning of the Law and the Prophets.” TPT

**1 John 4** <sup>17</sup> By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love’s perfection drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of *punishment* has not reached love’s perfection. <sup>19</sup> Our love for others is *our grateful response* to the love God first demonstrated to us. <sup>20</sup> Anyone can say, “I love God,” yet have hatred toward another believer. This makes him a phony, because if you don’t love a brother or sister, whom you can see, how can you truly love God, whom you can’t see? <sup>21</sup> For he has given us this command: whoever loves God must also demonstrate love to others. TPT

**John 3** <sup>16</sup> For here is the way God loved the world—he gave his only, unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life. <sup>17</sup> “God did not send his Son into the world to judge and condemn the world, but to be its Savior and rescue it!” <sup>18</sup> So now there is no longer any condemnation for those who believe in him, but the unbeliever already lives under condemnation because they do not believe in the name of the only Son of God. TPT

**1 Corinthians 13** <sup>1</sup> If I were to speak with eloquence in earth’s many languages, and in the heavenly tongues of angels, yet I didn’t express myself with love, my words would be reduced to the hollow sound of nothing more than a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I were to have *the gift of prophecy* with a profound understanding of God’s hidden secrets, and if I possessed unending supernatural knowledge, and if I had the greatest gift of faith that could move mountains, but have never learned to love, then I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> And if I were to be so generous as to give away everything I owned to feed the poor, and to offer my body to be burned as a *martyr*, without the pure motive of love, I would gain nothing of value. <sup>4</sup> Love is large and incredibly patient. Love is gentle and consistently kind to all. It refuses to be jealous when blessing comes to someone else. Love does not brag about one’s achievements nor inflate its own importance. <sup>5</sup> Love does not traffic in shame and disrespect, nor selfishly seek its own honor. Love is not easily irritated or quick to take offense. <sup>6</sup> Love joyfully celebrates honesty and finds no delight in what is wrong. <sup>7</sup> Love is a safe place of shelter, for it never stops believing the best for others. Love never takes

**failure as defeat, for it never gives up.** <sup>8</sup> **Love never stops loving.** It extends beyond the gift of prophecy, which eventually fades away. It is more enduring than tongues, which will one day fall silent. Love remains long after *words of knowledge* are forgotten. <sup>9</sup> Our present knowledge and our prophecies are but partial, <sup>10</sup> but when love's perfection arrives, the partial will fade away. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke about childish matters, for I saw things like a child and reasoned like a child. But the day came when I matured, and I set aside my childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries as though reflected in a mirror, but one day we will see face-to-face. My understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything, just as everything about me has been fully understood. <sup>13</sup> **Until then, there are three things that remain: faith, hope, and love—yet love surpasses them all. So above all else, let love be the beautiful prize for which you run.** TPT

**Romans 5** <sup>6</sup> **For when the time was right, the Anointed One came and died to demonstrate his love for sinners who were entirely helpless, weak, and powerless to save themselves.** <sup>7</sup> Now, would anyone dare to die for the sake of a wicked person? We can all understand if someone was willing to die for a truly noble person. <sup>8</sup> **But Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly!** <sup>9</sup> And there is still much more to say of his unfailing love for us! **For through the blood of Jesus we have heard the powerful declaration, "You are now righteous in my sight."** And **because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God.** <sup>10</sup> So if while we were still enemies, God fully reconciled us to himself through the death of his Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in his *resurrection* life, how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion! TPT

**Galatians 5** <sup>6</sup> When you're joined to the Anointed One, circumcision and religious obligations can benefit you nothing. **All that matters now is living in the faith that works and expresses itself through love.** ... <sup>22-23</sup> But **the fruit produced by the Holy Spirit within you is divine love in all its varied expressions: joy that overflows, peace that subdues, patience that endures, kindness in action, a life full of virtue, faith that prevails, gentleness of heart, and strength of spirit.** Never set the law above these qualities, for **they are meant to be limitless.** TPT

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**Isaiah 9** <sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> **Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end,** Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. NKJV

**Daniel 2** <sup>35</sup> Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And **the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.** ... <sup>44</sup> **And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.** NKJV