

**Mini-Series: Growing in Gratitude**

**And This is Love Pt. 2**

**1 Cor 13:4-8a (vss. 6-8a)**

**Introduction:**

**God's Love (Agape)** – is not the love of emotion or the love of feeling, but the love of Choice. It is the highest and noblest kind of Love, the love of the will. This love only comes from God.

*" The Bible's simplest description of God is - God is Love and the Apostle Paul shares 15 facets of His love"*

**I. The First 9 Facets of Love**

- a. Love is Patient v.4a
- b. Love is Kind v.4b
- c. Love is Not Jealous v.4c
- d. Love does Not Brag v.4d
- e. Love is Not Arrogant v.4e
- f. Love does Not Act Unbecomingly v.5a
- g. Love does Not Seek Its Own v.5b
- h. Love is Not Provoked v.5c
- i. Love does Not Take into Account a Wrong Suffered v.5d

**II. Facet 10: Love does not Rejoice in Unrighteousness v.6a**

- a. Love never takes satisfaction from sin
- b. To rejoice in unrighteousness is to justify it
- c. It is making wrong appear to be right Isa 5:20
- d. Gossip is the most common form of rejoicing in sin

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**III. Facet 11: Love Rejoices with Truth v.6b**

- a. Paul is speaking of God's truth – His revealed word
- b. Love always rejoices in God's truth and never with falsehood or false teaching 2 Jhn 6-10
- c. Love, truth, and righteousness are inseparable and when one is weakened the others are weakened

**IV. Facet 12: Love Bears All Things v.7a**

- a. To Bear – means to cover or to support and to protect
- b. Love never protects sin but is anxious to protect the sinner.

**V. Facet 13: Love Believes All Things v.7b**

- a. Love is not suspicious or cynical
- b. Believes the best outcome for the one who has done wrong

**VI. Facet 14: Love Hopes All Things v.7c**

- a. When belief in a loved one's goodness or repentance is shattered, love still hopes
- b. When love runs out of faith it holds on to hope
- c. Love refuses to take failure as final

**VII. Facet 15: Love Endures All Things v.7d**

- a. To Endure means to hold a vital position at all cost
- b. It stands against overwhelming opposition and refuses to stop bearing or stop believing or stop hoping

**VIII. Love Never Fails v.8a**

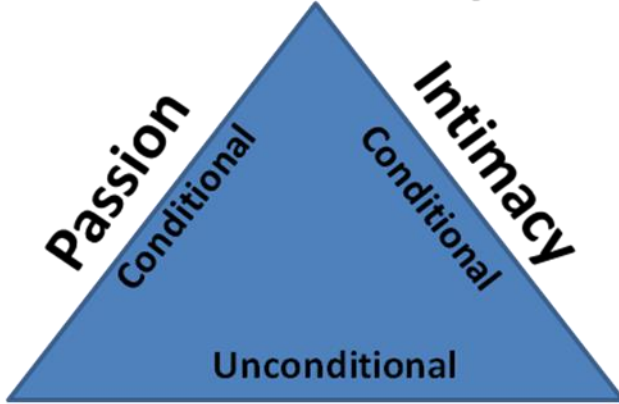
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