



BROTHERLY LOVE

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Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay. God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Peter 4:8-10, NLT)

You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart. (1 Peter 1:22, NLT)

Respect everyone, and love the family of believers... (1 Peter 2:17, NLT)

Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tender-hearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you, his blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-12, NLT)

Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God... And all of you, serve each other in humility. (1 Peter 5:2,5, NLT)

What Is Deep Love, Why Should We Have a Deep Love For Each Other?

Deep love or the type of love that Peter is referring to is derived from the Greek word for love = agape

1. Brotherly love, affection, good will, benevolence.
2. The active love of God for his Son and his people, and the active love his people are to have for God, each other, and even enemies.

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So, we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. (1 John 3:16, NLT)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7, NLT)

The love that is so important, is that for fellow-Christians. Unity with practical care for other Christians, is not seen as an optional extra, but as a central part of the faith.

How Does Love Cover Sin?

Above all else, earnestly maintain love for each other, since love covers a multitude of sins.

(1 Peter 4:8, HCSB)

It is human instinct to want to retaliate when something doesn't go our way or when we've been wronged. One of the earliest things children learn to say is 'it's not fair!' And sometimes in life people will hurt us intentionally and sometimes we'll get hurt unintentionally.

The truth is everybody is going to hurt to you; you just got to find the ones worth suffering for. Bob Marley

Hatred stirs up quarrels, but love makes up for all offenses. (Proverbs 10:12, NLT)

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

(John 13:34-35, NLT)

In What Ways Can We Use Our Gifts to Serve Each Other?

Ultimately, when gifts used with God's power and will rather than human goodness or ability, the result will be that, God is glorified through Jesus Christ. That in every incident of ministry by Christians, God's glory or reputation will be enhanced or revealed. All of us



together are Christ's body (the church) and each of us is a part of it. That means that whatever gifts we have be it speaking or serving, cleaning, leading worship or on in Junior Church, in whatever way, by whatever gift, the goal of all ministry/service is to bring glory to God.

The 5 Be's:

- Be present - 1 Corinthians 13:2-3
- Be involved - 1 Peter 4:11
- Be an advert - Mark 16:15
- Be a giver - Acts 4:32-35,
- Be united - 1 Corinthians 1:10

The world doesn't mainly stumble over doctrinal disagreement among Christians. It mainly stumbles over the way we treat each other in the light of those disagreements.

A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT)