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As we read 1 Corinthians 13:4–7, we may feel frustrated at realizing that, to a lesser or greater degree, we fall short of displaying all those features of love. Likely, Paul had the person of Jesus in mind when writing 1 Corinthians 13. Indeed, **only Christ perfectly revealed all those characteristics of love. Thus, ultimately, Paul's portrayal of love is a portrait of Jesus.**

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The earth was dark through misapprehension of God. That the gloomy shadows might be lightened, that the world might be brought back to God, Satan's deceptive power was to be broken. This could not be done by force. The exercise of force is contrary to the principles of God's government; He desires only the service of love; and love cannot be commanded; it cannot be won by force or authority. Only by love is love awakened. To know God is to love Him; His character must be manifested in contrast to the character of Satan. This work only one Being in all the universe could do. Only He who knew the height and depth of the love of God could make it known. Upon the world's dark night the Sun of Righteousness must rise, "with healing in His wings." Malachi 4:2.. DA 22.1

Read John 13:1, 34; John 15:9, 12; 1 Timothy 1:14; 2 Timothy 1:7, 13; 1 John 3:16; and 1 John 4:7–12, 19–21. What can we learn about love from these passages?

John 13:1 1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, **having loved** His own who were in the world, **He loved them to the end.**

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 15:9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1 Timothy 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Selfishness is written on the human heart in plain, unmistakable characters. Just as soon as the love of God takes its place, there is the image and superscription of Jesus Christ. His entire life amid a world filled with pride and selfishness was

without an exception an embodiment of that charity that suffereth long, and is kind: that envieth not; that “vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). EGW 1888 215.3

God is love (1 John 4:8). He loves us so much that He gave His only Son (*John 3:16*). Jesus is the full expression of this love (*Heb. 1:3*). If we want to know how love expresses itself, we must take a long look at Jesus. If we pay close attention to the portrayal of Jesus in the New Testament, we will realize that all the positive features of love in 1 Corinthians 13 are seen in Him.

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When love fills the heart, it will flow out to others, not because of favors received from them, but because love is the principle of action. Love modifies the character, governs the impulses, subdues enmity, and ennobles the affections. This love is as broad as the universe, and is in harmony with that of the angel workers. Cherished in the heart, it sweetens the entire life and sheds its blessing upon all around. It is this, and this only, that can make us the salt of the earth. MB 38.1

1 Corinthians 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

1 Thessalonians 3:12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love **to one another and to all**, just as we *do* to you,
13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.**

Colossians 3:14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.

Matthew 22:36-40 **36** “Teacher, which *is* the great commandment in the law?”
37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ **38** This is *the* first and great commandment.
39 And *the* second *is* like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

Jesus is patient. "But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience [*makrothymia*]" (1 Tim. 1:16, NIV).

Jesus is kind. The Bible says that "the Lord is kind" (1 Pet. 2:3, LEB). The word "Lord" in this passage refers to Jesus. The term "kind" renders the Greek word *chrēstos*, which comes from the same root as the verb *chrēsteuomai* ("to show kindness") in 1 Corinthians 13:4.

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Titus 3:3-7 3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

2 Peter 1:5 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,

6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness,

7 to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness love.

8 For if these things are yours and abound, *you* will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For **he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.**

Jesus rejoices in the truth. Jesus experienced joy as He followed the will of the Father and felt His love for Him (John 15:9–11, John 17:12–14).

Jesus bears/endures all things. Hebrews 12:2, 3 says that Jesus "endured the cross. . . . [He] endured such hostility from sinners against Himself" (NKJV). Nobody has endured so much as Jesus (Phil. 2:8). He did this for the joy set before Him!

Jesus believes all things. When Ananias questioned the genuineness of Paul's conversion (Acts 9:13, 14), Jesus answered, "He is a chosen instrument of mine" (Acts 9:15, ESV). **Jesus sees people not as they are but as they will become through His power.**

What are other ways that Jesus reveals to us what true love really is?

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Additional Notes

Exo 34:5 And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD.

Exo 34:6 And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth,

Exo 34:7 Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

In the 13th chapter of First Corinthians the apostle Paul defines Christlike love. It would be well to print this chapter in small type in every paper issued by our presses. SW January 1, 1901, par. 2

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will manifest in his life and reveal in his character. If these manifestations are wanting, there must be most earnest seeking in God. By repentance and faith in Jesus Christ we may receive the spirit of Christ here specified, and then we may indeed be called children of God and not children of the wicked one. We must have greater faith; then we shall have more of Christ. 1888 215.3
