

AUTHENTIC CHRISTIANITY

**The Power of Love - 1 Corinthians 13:4-13**

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I. Division is caused by an unwillingness to love.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not arrogant, ⁵ is not rude, is not self-seeking, is not irritable, and does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶ Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known. ¹³ Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—but the greatest of these is love.

II. Division is healed by loving action.

- Love is patient
- Love is kind
- Love does not envy
- Love is not boastful,
- Love is not conceited
- Love does not act improperly
- Love is not selfish
- Love is not easily provoked
- Love does not keep a record of wrongs
- Love finds no joy in unrighteousness
- Love rejoices in the truth
- Love bears all things
- Love believes all things
- Love hopes all things
- Love endures all things

III. God's Love is Eternal (vss. 8 - 13)

- Love never ends