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God's Love in Action

I Corinthians 13:4–7,13 – I Peter 3:12

Whenever one thinks about love, many things will come across your mind. Dating, marriage, romantic dates, love notes, weddings, and so on. Though we can relate the word love to events or people in our lives we must establish the difference between being in love and showing true love.

Going through the in love stage of your life with the person of your dreams is a wonderful thing. Emotions are kind, actions are well thought out, and your thoughts are consumed with that individual. If you could you would spend every waking moment of your life with that person. Though we enjoy the in love stage with this person, at the end of the day, it is still a stage. We can express our love through words and letters, but true love is not expressed fully or felt completely until it is acted upon.

Whenever we think upon the love that the of the Triune Godhead has for the people on earth, there is no doubt that this love is true love. God the Father physically sent His only begotten Son to earth knowing that His Son would have to give His life for

us, and Jesus Christ lived a sinless life, died on the cross, rose from the grave, ascended to the right hand of the Father to intercede for us on our behalf, and God the Holy Spirit was sent to indwelling inside every believer to be our comforter and guide. All humans today can make the definitive statement and proclaim that our God truly loves us.

I Corinthians 13:4–7, 13

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

True love can endure anything and everything!

I Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

LOVE IN ACTION IS SHOW THROUGH

I. THE EYES OF THE LORD

I Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,

A. The Eyes of The Lord Observe

Proverbs 15:3 - The eyes of the LORD [are] in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

1. Observe Evil
2. Observe Good

B. The Eyes of The Lord Seek

2 Chronicles 16:9 - For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of [them] whose heart [is] perfect toward him...

1. Seek Righteousness
2. Seek Faithfulness

C. The Eyes of The Lord Guide

Psalms 32:8 - I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

1. Guide you to Himself
 - a. Salvation
 - b. Safety
2. Guide you through His Word
 - a. Life

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II. THE EARS OF THE LORD

I Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers:

A. God hears & answers our prayers

Jeremiah 33:3 - Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

1. Hears our prayers of forgiveness
2. Hears our prayers of need
3. Hears our prayers of thanksgiving
4. Hears our prayers of worship

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III. THE FACE OF THE LORD

I Peter 3:12 - “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.”

The face of God is pure righteousness & power and the complete expression of His majesty!

Our finite minds cannot even begin to grasp the unfathomable depths of God’s splendor! That is expressed in,

Exodus 33:20 - 20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for there shall no man see me, and live.

A. The Face of the Lord will not turn from judging

Hebrews 12:6–11 - **6** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. **7** If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **8** But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. **9** Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? **10** For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. **11** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

B. The Face of the Lord will not turn from restoring

James 4:8 - Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you..."

The love of our God is shown through His actions of observing, seeking, and guiding us. It is also shown by Him personally hearing and answering our prayers. Lastly, His love is shown through His judgment and restoration. Our God is a loving God

that didn't just give us a book full of wise words, He gave us a book that shows us His actions of true love from the past, into the present, to the future, and culminated in eternity.