

1 Corinthians 12b-13:13
Series – United in Grace
Message – Do Everything in Love
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Love is Indispensable

- Eros - _____ love
- Phileo - love between _____
- Agape -
 1. Universal
 2. New “_____” love
 3. Jesus is the model
 4. Love is the indispensable _____
 5. Source is the indwelling Holy Spirit

Most Excellent Way

- And now, I will show you the most _____ way!
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
- Our love must be evident, sincere, transparent, and vulnerable

Love Defined

- Love is _____. *makrothumia*
- Love is _____.
- It does not envy
- It is not proud
- It is not _____. *Askhemonos- To be rude is to lack good order, even in how we dress. Matthew 22*
- Love is not self-seeking or selfish – Phil. 2:3
- Love is not easily angered. Prov. 15:1 - a gentle word turns away wrath
- Love keeps no record of _____.
- Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. Phil. 4:8

Miroslav Volf

- Love Always _____. *stego*
- Love Always Trusts.
- Love Always Hopes.
- Love Always Perseveres.

Here exists the patience of the powerless who can do little or nothing to alleviate their own suffering or that of others, but have the courage to “remain under” and endure with dignity the affliction that comes their way. Paul Through the Mediterranean Eyes. Bailey, 378.

- Love _____ Fails. John 16:33

Faith, Hope, and Love

- 1 Cor. 13:11-12
- The most excellent way is the way of love. May we be known by our love for one another. Then all people will know that we are Jesus’ disciples.

How will you respond to God’s word today?

1. What definition of love stood out most to you this morning?
2. What would you do well to focus on in the coming days to show your love to others?
3. Jesus wants us to be known not by our knowledge, not by our tongues, not even our prophecy. He wants us to be known by our love, his love: selfless, sacrificial, protective, trustworthy love. What are you known by and how might you go about changing that to be more like Jesus?
4. What is one thing you can start doing to be more loving and what is one thing you need to stop doing? Ask a person close to you to help you answer this question.
5. How might God be getting your attention?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?