

Eternal Love

1 Corinthians 13:4-13

1. Characteristics of God's Love

A. Always Protects (beareth all things)

stegw *steg'-o* AV - can forbear 2, bear 1, suffer 1; 4

Protects like a thatched roof.

- 1) deck, thatch, to cover, to protect or keep by covering, to preserve
- 2) to cover over with silence, to keep secret, to conceal the errors and faults of others
- 3) by covering to keep off something which threatens, to bear up against, hold out against, and so endure, bear, forbear

B. Always Trusts (Believeth all things)

pisteuw *pist-yoo'-o*

To believe to be true. Of Jesus Christ, trust, rely on, adhere to the teachings of.

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.” —1 Corinthians 13:6

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” —Philippians 4:8

C. Always Hopes

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” —Jeremiah 29:11

D. Always Perseveres (endureth all things)

“For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” —Psalm 100:5

upomenw *hoop-om-en'-o*

By, under, with (Prep.) + **remain** (Verb)

- to preserve: under misfortunes and trials to hold fast to one's faith in Christ
- to endure, bear bravely and calmly: ill treatments

2. Core of God's Love

⁸*Love never fails.* —1 Corinthians 13:8a (NIV)
Charity never faileth. (KJV)

Core value of God's love, common to every characteristic:

- **Always**
- Belongs to **God**

Do you always (**pthe**)—protect, trust, hope, and endure?

3. **Creator** of God's Love

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.” —1 John 4:8

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.” —Romans 5:5

A. God always Protects.

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” —Psalm 46:1

(NIV) ever-present. (KJV) very present.

Hebrew: **acm** *maw-tsaw'* --Find, be present, able to be found.

“If you seek the Lord you shall find Him.” —Deut. 4:29

“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.” —Jeremiah 29:13

B. God always trusts.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.” —2 Corinthians 1:20

C. God always Hopes.

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D. God always Perseveres (endures)

“I will never leave you or forsake you.” —Hebrews 13:5

anihmi *an-ee'-ay-mee*

1) to send back, relax, loosen 2) to leave, not to uphold, to let sink

“The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. 27To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. —Colossians 1:26-27

Memory Verse:

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