

Summer of Love Series – Part 13 – Love Always Perseveres and Never Fails

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Scriptures

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 1 John 4:11 NIV

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 NIV

Always perseveres – preserves our relationship with God and with each other.

Never fails – it never breaks down – it never stops functioning – never doesn't work, never falls short, it's never absent.

God demonstrates his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 NIV

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 NIV

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! Romans 6:1-2 NIV

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NIV

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:13 NIV



Prepare for Communion

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28 NIV

Who are you having trouble loving?

What can do to demonstrate an always preserving, never failing love?

Ask God to help you to love them the way he loves you.

Experience Today's Message

1. What would you do, how far would you go to show someone just how much you love them?
2. Does your love have boundaries/limits? In other words, can a person go too far, reach a point where you would stop loving them?
3. Does God's love have such boundaries/limits?
4. To what degree has God shown his love for us?