

Fusion Q's – 1 John: Light Over Darkness This is Love...

Discussion Questions

- Q1. How can you tell someone loves you? How does knowing someone really cares about you and loves you change how you view that relationship?
- Q2. How can you tell if Jesus lives in you? How can you be sure that you belong to him?
- Q3. John says that God's perfect love drives out all fear. How can this be? How should this knowledge help us when dealing with our fears?
- Q4. John says that we cannot claim to love God whom we can't see and hate a person who we can see. Why does he say this? What is so important about loving others?
- READ 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**
- Q5. After reading this passage, explain how essential love is as our motivation for living the way Jesus has commanded his followers to live.
- Q6. Is it possible to live the Christian life without love motivating us? Explain.
- Q7. Many of us struggle with hate. As a Christian, we cannot allow hate to dominate and enslave us. How can we help each other to love others like God desires us to? What steps do you need to take to begin to allow God to replace your hate with love?

BIBLE TEXTS

1 Cor 13 is known as the "love chapter" because it shows us a picture of what loves does. It also shows us that love is the foundation for our faith and the motivation for all that we do as Christians just as John has explained to us in 1 John 4.

1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NLT)

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing. ³If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud ⁵or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ⁶It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ⁷Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

⁸Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever!⁹Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture!¹⁰But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

¹¹When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things.¹²Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

¹³Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.