

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a

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## 1 Corinthians 12

- **In the diversity of the members** of the Body of Christ:
  - There is **One Head and Lord over all** – the Lord Jesus Christ
  - The **members/gifts/honor are ordained particularly/specifically by God**, in His wisdom, to His glory
  - The **members/gifts/honor are for the common good** of the whole body
  - **All the parts need the Head**, the Lord Jesus Christ, **and each other part**, by God's wise design
  - The **members/gifts/honor are given so that there may be no divisions among the parts or from the Head**, Jesus Christ
  - All members are to **have the same care for one another**; suffering together/rejoicing together

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## 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- but **do not have love, I am nothing.**
- but **do not have love, it profits me nothing.**

## Mark 12:28-34

... <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! **THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD**.' <sup>30</sup> **AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.** ...

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## 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

<sup>4</sup> Love is **patient**, love is **kind** and is **not jealous**; love does **not brag** and is **not arrogant**, <sup>5</sup> does **not act unbecomingly**; it does **not seek its own**, is **not provoked**, does **not take into account a wrong suffered**, <sup>6</sup> does **not rejoice in unrighteousness**, but **rejoices with the truth**; <sup>7</sup> **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.** <sup>8</sup> **Love never fails**; ...

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## PATIENT, adjective

1. Having the quality of enduring evil.
2. Not easily provoked; calm under the sufferance of injuries or offenses.
3. Persevering; constant in pursuit or exertion; calmly diligent.
4. Not hasty; not over eager or impetuous; waiting or expecting with calmness or without discontent.

## PATIENT, noun

1. A person or thing that received impressions from external agents; he or that which is passively affected.

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## Romans 3:21-26

<sup>21</sup> But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, <sup>22</sup> even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>25</sup> **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness**, because **in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed**; <sup>26</sup> **for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time**, so **that He would be just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## 2 Peter 3:8-9

<sup>8</sup> But do not let this one *fact* escape **your** notice, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but **is patient toward you**, not wishing for **any** to perish but for **all** to come to repentance.

## 2 Peter 3:3-7

<sup>3</sup> **Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with *their* mocking, following after their own lusts,** <sup>4</sup> and saying, "**Where is the promise of His coming?** For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation." <sup>5</sup> For when they maintain this, it escapes their notice that by the word of God *the* heavens existed long ago and *the* earth was formed out of water and by water, <sup>6</sup> through which **the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.** <sup>7</sup> But by His word **the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.**

## 2 Peter 1:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Simon Peter, a bond-servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, **To those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours,** by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ: <sup>2</sup> Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; <sup>3</sup> seeing that **His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.** <sup>4</sup> **For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.**

## 1 Peter 1:1-5

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, **To those who** reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who **are chosen** <sup>2</sup> **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood:** May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure. <sup>3</sup> Blessed be **the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to obtain an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, **reserved in heaven for you,** <sup>5</sup> **who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

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# Heidelberg Catechism

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## 49. What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

First, that **He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father** in heaven.

Secondly, that **we have our flesh in heaven, as a sure pledge**, that He, as the Head, **will also take us, His members, up to Himself.**

Thirdly, that **He sends us His Spirit, as an earnest, by whose power we seek those things which are above**, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, and not things on the earth.

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