

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a

PART VII

{Sunday, August 20, 2017 A.D.}

Mark 12:28-34

... ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! **THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD;** ³⁰ **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.** ...

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

⁴ **Love is patient,** love is **kind** and is **not jealous;** love does **not brag** and is **not arrogant,** ⁵ does **not act unbecomingly;** it does **not seek its own,** is **not provoked,** does **not take into account a wrong suffered,** ⁶ does **not rejoice in unrighteousness,** but **rejoices with the truth;**

⁷ **bears all things,** **believes all things,** **hopes all things,** **endures all things.** ⁸ **Love never fails;** ...

- God **derivatively communicates** these aspects of love to His children.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ Now **may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;** and **may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** ²⁴ **Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.**

* 1 John 4:19

- His children embody these aspects of love **first toward God, then toward others.**

⁷ **bears all things,
endures all things.**

- All that God has foreordained in the life of the child of God; the child of God recognizes God's direction of all his steps.
- Loves God for Who He Is, not merely for the utility He alone provides; desires to please Him.
- Sees God as Morally Good.
- Sees God as Absolutely Wise.
- Sees the Supreme Worth of God Himself. Sees the Rightness of God's Sovereign Lordship over everything, everywhere and in all times.
- Sees the right/true relationship between Creator – Creature/Creation.

Deuteronomy 32:3-4

³ "For I proclaim the name of the LORD; Ascribe greatness to our God! ⁴ **"The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He.**

1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and **God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.**

1 Peter 4:19

¹⁹ Therefore, **those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.**

**Believes all things,
hopes all things,**

- Full Confidence in God and His Word/Bible.

Lamentations 3:21-24

²¹ This I recall to my mind, **Therefore I have hope.** ²² **The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,** For **His compassions never fail.** ²³ **They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.** ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, **"Therefore I have hope in Him."**

Psalms 33:4

⁴ For **the word of the LORD is upright,** And **all His work is done in faithfulness.**

* Psalm 119:137-138

Romans 4:20-22

²⁰ yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform. ²² Therefore IT WAS ALSO CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

2 Timothy 1:12

¹² For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

⁸ Love never fails; . . .

- Because God Never Fails; as the Author and Perfecter of Love.

*** Psalm 89:1-2**

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

. . . ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5

³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ.

Philippians 2:13

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Jude 1:24-25

²⁴ Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Philippians 1:6

⁶ For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 3:6

⁶ but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house—whose house we are, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

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57. What comfort does the Resurrection of the Body afford thee?

That not only my soul, after this life, shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head; but also that this my body, raised by the power of Christ, shall again be united with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.

58. What comfort hast thou from the article of the Life Everlasting?

That, inasmuch as I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, I shall after this life possess complete bliss, such as eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man; therein to praise God for ever.

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