

Title: Love that conquers, but hurts
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To know the love of Christ

Ephesians 3:18-19

¹⁸ (that you) may be able to comprehend with all saints what *is* the breadth and length and depth and height, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Love that covers

I Peter 4:8

⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins

Love never fails

I Corinthians 13:8

⁸ Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

Luke 10:25-36

²⁵ And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading *of it?*" ²⁷ So he answered and said, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸ And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." ²⁹ But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain *man* went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded *him*, and departed, leaving *him* half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. ³³ But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ So he went to *him* and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave *them* to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' ³⁶ So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"

1. Love out of a giving heart

John 15:13

¹³ No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 3:16

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2. To love God

I John 4:18-19

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us.

3. To be persuaded of His love

Romans 8:35-39

³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For Your sake we are killed all the day long. We are counted as sheep of slaughter." ³⁷ But in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. How can we love others like God does?

Romans 5:5

⁵ And hope does not make *us* ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through *the* Holy Spirit given to us.