

LOVE TRIO: FOR THREE READERS

(1 Corinthians 13 with other Scriptures* inserted)

1 – The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.”

2 – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.

3 – Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

1 – A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

2 – If I speak in human or angelic tongues, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.

3 – If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

1 – If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

2 – Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

3 – Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 – You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.” But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you maybe children of your Father in heaven.

2 – He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

3 – This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 – Live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

1, 2 & 3 – Love must be sincere.

2 – Love is patient, love is kind.

3 – It does not envy, it does not boast,

1 – it is not proud. It is not rude,

2 – it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,

3 – it keeps no record of wrongs.

1 – Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

2 – It always protects, always trusts,

3 – always hopes, always perseveres.

1, 2 & 3 – Love never fails.

1 – We love because he first loved us.

2 – As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

3 – But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

1 – For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

2 – When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put childish ways behind me.

3 – Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1 – In your unfailing love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling.

2 – And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

1, 2 & 3 – But the greatest of these is love.

*Bible references used in the Love Trio:

Exodus 15:13; Jeremiah 31:3; Matthew 5:43-45; Matthew 22:37-39; John 13:34; John 15:9; Romans 12:9; Romans 13:8,10; 1 Corinthians 13; Ephesians 5:2; 1 John 4:7-10; 1 John 4:19.

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