

THE SPICE OF CHARITY V

I CORINTHIANS 13:1

1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

I CORINTHIANS 13:2

2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:3

3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

SONG OF SOLOMON 4:16

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. Let my beloved come into his garden, and eat his pleasant fruits.

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104 THUS SAITH THE LORD, it'll take perfect love to put you in that place, for that's all there was there. No matter how many, how much religious demonstrations, how many good deeds you done, or whatever you done,

that won't count nothing on that day. It'll take perfect love. So whatever you do, you lay aside everything else, until you are just so filled with the love of God, till you can love those who hate you..

I CORINTHIANS 13:5

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

The Greek word (λογιζεται) is that which is commonly rendered impute, and is correctly rendered here thinketh.

It means, does not reckon, charge, or impute to a man any evil intention or design. We desire to think well of the man whom we love; nor will we think ill of his motives, opinions, or conduct, until we are compelled to do so by the most irrefutable evidence.

I CORINTHIANS 13:6

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

I CORINTHIANS 13:7

7 *BEARETH all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

BEARETH: stego {steg'-o}

Suffer, to cover; to protect or keep by covering, to cover over with silence; to keep secret; to hide, conceal; hides and excuses, the errors and faults of others,

by covering to keep off something which threatens, to bear up against, hold out against, and so endure, bear, forbear

I PETER 4:8

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

Above everything may be expressed as "the most important thing of all" or "that which is more important than anything else. "

"Fervent. " Literally intense, unremitting, unwearied.

Love (agapen echontes) each other fervent. FERVENT (ektene, "stretched" or "strained") was used to describe the taut muscles of an athlete who strains to win a race.

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The word "cover" does not simply mean "hides," the sins leaving them where they were, but causes their remission, in fact, obliterates them.

COLOSSIANS 3:12

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

COLOSSIANS 3:13

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

COLOSSIANS 3:14

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

JOHN 13:34

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

JOHN 13:35

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

JOHN 15:12

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

JOHN 15:13

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

I THESSALONIANS 4:9

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

II THESSALONIANS 1:3

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

I PETER 1:22

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

I JOHN 3:23

23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.

II JOHN 1:5

5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

I JOHN 3:16

16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

ROMANS 16:3

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:

ROMANS 16:4

4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

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(Teleiotees) "perfectness" is a collective idea, "a result of combination," to which "bond" is appropriate.