

The Irresistible Church
“Chooses to Love”
1 Corinthians 13:1-7
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1. Love is a choice –
 - a. We choose to _____. (*1 John 4:19*)
 - b. Above _____. (*1 John 2:15-16, Matthew 22:37-38*)
 - c. God is the One who _____. (*John 6:44, Phi 2:13, Gal 5:22*)
 - d. This is _____.

2. We choose to love one another.
 - a. Whoever loves God must _____. (*1 John 4:21*)
 - b. Our love for one another _____ of the love of Christ. (*John 13:35*)
 - c. We cannot say that we love God when _____ in Christ. (*1 John 4:20*)
 - d. How do we do this? Not with words but with _____. (*1 John 3:18*)

3. The choice to love one another is _____. (*1 Cor. 13:1-7*)
 - a. For love to be real it needs to be _____. (*Eph 4:15, 1 Cor 13:4, Eph 4:32, 1 Cor 13:5, Phi 2:4, 1 Cor 10:33, Eph 4:32, 1 Cor 13:6, 1 Cor 13:7*)

Discussion Questions

Background: The church at Corinth had many things going for it. However, loving one another was not one of their strong points. The apostle Paul addresses this issue in verses 4-7 of Chapter 13. All eleven traits of love listed in these verses were actually missing from the church at Corinth. It is interesting to note that each one of these traits of love is an action word. Love is not an emotion love is a choice.

1. Love is not an emotion love is a choice. Can you think of an occasion when you had to make a conscious decision to love or to show Christlike love in a particular situation?
2. What does it mean to love not with words but in action and in truth?
3. For love to be real it needs to be acted upon. As we look at the list of action steps in verses 4-7 they seem daunting- after all who could possibly do all those things. Yet God expects us to love in this way. What are two or three action steps that stand out to you. Why do you suspect God would want you to strengthen that area of your life?
4. What does it mean in verse 7 "love always..."? Can we possibly ever do something always?