

CHAPTER THREE

LOVE AND HATE

In 1 John, the word LOVE is used 33 times (LOVETH – 9 times).
The derivative of the word “hate” HATETH is used 3 times.



A. LOVE

Love and its derivatives are used 473 times in the Bible. In 1 John, LOVE and its derivatives are used 46 times - almost 10% of the total times used in the whole Bible. This deserves special attention in 1 John.

B. DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN “LIKE” AND “LOVE”

Can you LIKE a person, but not LOVE him/her?

C. DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOVE

I'd love a cup of tea
I love my daughter/son
I love my parents

I love my dog
I love my husband/wife
I love God

D. SYNONYMS OF LOVE

adoration, amour, devotion, eros, infatuation, passion, admiration, esteem, regard, respect, agape, charity, affinity, lover, sweetheart, cherish, idolize

E. ANTONYMS OF LOVE

hatred, disdain, aversion, misanthropy, abhor, despise, detest, loathe

F. DERIVATIVES OF LOVE

lovelorn, love-making, lovesick/ness, loveless, loved, loving, lovingly, beloved, loveliest, lover, lovability, lovably, lovingness

G. MAN AND WIFE

Can you compare a marriage relationship to a relationship with God? Look at Revelation 21:2, 9: And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband...Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's (referring to Christ) wife.

H. GOD-GIVEN LOVE

Can you LOVE someone if he has murdered your child, wife, husband, a parent, or crippled you for life because of drunk driving, etc.?

I. EXPLAIN “LOVE” WORDS

Explain the word love when it is associated with the following: true love, for love or money, love potion, love seat, loving-kindness, in love, no love lost between parent and child, to fall in love, love affair, love apple, love-bird, love child, love feast

J. THE “A” TO “Z” OF LOVE!

Age does not protect you from love, but love to some extent protects you from age.

Better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all.

Choose the one who loves you, and not whom you love.

Don't forget to love yourself.

Everyone admits love is wonderful and necessary, yet no one agrees on just what it is.

For one human being to love another who has wronged him -: that is perhaps the most difficult of our tasks.

Gravitation can not be held responsible for people falling in love.

He who loves 50 people has 50 woes; he who loves no one has no woes.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Just three words, "I Love You" - but they mean the world to everybody.

Kindness is love in disguise.

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking outward together in the same direction.

Mature love says: "I need you because I love you." Immature love says: "I love you because I need you."

Nothing can be as beautiful as falling in love.

Offerings of love should be made without any expectations.

Precious possessions that a man can ever have, is a woman's heart.

Quotes are ways in which people express their experience of love.

Rose is the symbol of love.

Seal our love with a kiss.

There is only one happiness in life - to love and to be loved.

Usually a man in love cannot be harsh.

Victory of a heart is the most prized possession.

With you, I lose myself - Without you, I find myself, searching to be lost again.

Xrays cannot reveal a love struck heart.

Yes is the ultimate word for love.

Zodiac signs are insignificant when it comes to love.

K. JOHN 3:16 AND 1 JOHN 3:16

Possibly the most famous and well-known verse in the Bible is found in JOHN 3:16:



Coincidentally, **1 John 3:16** is a verse with similar meaning:
 “Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us...”

“WHOSOEVER” MEANS YOU!

FOR GOD SO LO **V** ED THE WORLD
 THAT HE GAVE H **I** S ONLY
 BEG **O** TTEN SON
 THAT WHOSOEVER BE **L** IEVETH IN HIM
 SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT H **A** VE EVERLASTING LIFE

Even if you cannot make up the verse with your given name in it,
 remember that you are included – in fact, the whole world is included –
 in the word **WHOSOEVER**.

L. LOVE IS LIKE A PATCHWORK QUILT (see the Quilt of Love, page 29)



All the “pieces” are different, but when they are joined together, the results are beautiful!
 “Thou...hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue,
 and people, and nation...and they stood before the Lamb (Christ),
 clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.”
 “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man,
 the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”
 (Extracts from Revelation and 1 Corinthians)

The quilt of love creates and incorporates all types of material - denim and silks can work well together; fancy embroidery or simple designs are acceptable to the Lord. Are there some churches where there are only “silk and taffeta” patches? Or smart cotton prints? Or corduroys and denims? Churches that cater to one kind of “fabric” only are often quite unaware that scores of valuable pieces are being left out. A church may boldly say “everyone is welcome in our church” but when various categories of people (listed below) enter *they* know *they* don’t “match,” and do not feel accepted by church people.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS

DRUG ADDICTS	ALCOHOLICS	DIVORCED
MENTALLY ILL	EX-CONVICTS	IMMORALITY

RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

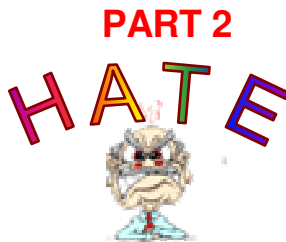
EUROPEANS	ASIANS	AFRICANS
CANADIANS	SOUTH AMERICANS	ISLAND NATIONS

The “patchwork” patterns below incorporate many different colours and shapes,
 and they depict how “life’s” patchwork quilt should be.



LOVE IN ACTION

- ❖ Love those whose ideas are very different from your own (even when those ideas are seriously out of tune with accepted truth). Love people in spite of their differences.
- ❖ Love is the weapon which Omnipotence reserved to conquer rebel man – He “gave” his only son – and we, too, must give of ourselves to others to help them to return to values and moral living.
- ❖ Be deeply sensitive about what offends those you seek to win. Be quick to seek forgiveness when you offend.
- ❖ Be humble when you deal with those who have fallen into deep sin. Do not be spiritually “superior.”
- ❖ Be willing to be transparent, and thus, vulnerable.



A. EXERCISES

- List synonyms for HATE.
- List antonyms for HATE
- List derivatives of HATE

B. WHY DO WE HATE PEOPLE?

C. WHY IS “HATE” DESTRUCTIVE?

D. DIFFERENT TYPES OF HATE

- Why do people hate God?
- Why do people hate another person?
- Is it okay to hate certain types of foods? Clothing? Hair styles?
- Is “hatred” the cause of war?
- Name things we can “rightfully” hate (crime? racial discrimination? injustice?)

E. HATING OUR “BROTHER”

In 1 John 4:20 it says “for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” What does the word “brother” mean? A sibling? A friend? A church member? Mankind in general?

F. QUOTES and POEM

Consider the following extracts from several quotes and a poem. Discuss some of the concerns expressed in the writings.

Hate and force cannot be in just a part of the world
without having an effect on the rest of it.

We have just enough religion to make us hate,
but not enough to make us love one another.

HATRED - by Rachel Ramey

<p>Hatred flows through crowded streets, Infecting young and old; Depositing within their hearts The poison that it holds. It eats away at heart and soul, And tears apart the ties Of human love and kindness, With the truth that it denies. It says that I am better For the color of my skin, Refusing to acknowledge That "hate" is what's within. It says I should be fearful Of what I do not know, And hides the fact that who you are Is not the part that shows.</p>	<p>It wants me to reject you Because we're not the same. We must identify this lie And call it by its name. For only by realizing What it is that's killing us, Can we find the means to stop it, For it's truth that we must trust. The truth says we are equal Even if we aren't alike. It says that I should love you, Because that is what is right. Let's stop this wave of hatred That is coursing through our land. Reject the lies; embrace the truth. United, let us stand.</p>
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G. THE LOVE CHAPTER

Contrast the above with one of the finest portions in the Bible

1 Corinthians 13 (using TLB translation)

If I had the gift of being able to speak in other languages without learning them and could speak in every language there is in all of heaven and earth, but didn't love others, I would only be making noise. If I had the gift of prophecy and knew all about what is going to happen in the future, knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would it do? Even if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, I would still be worth nothing at all without love. If I gave everything I have to poor people, and if I were burned alive for preaching the Gospel but didn't love others, it would be of no value whatever.

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud,
never haughty or selfish or rude.

Love does not demand its own way.

It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges
and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.

It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out.

If you love someone, you will be loyal to him no matter what the cost. You will always believe in him, always expect the best of him, and always stand your ground in defending him. All the special gifts and powers from God will someday come to an end, but love goes on forever. Someday prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge--these gifts will disappear. Now we know so little, even with our special gifts, and the preaching of those most gifted is still so poor. But when we have been made perfect and complete, then the need for these inadequate special gifts will come to an end, and they will disappear. It's like this: when I was a child I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I became a man my thoughts grew far beyond those of my childhood, and now I have put away the childish things. In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at his reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see him in his completeness, face to face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now.

**There are three things that remain--faith, hope, and love—
and the greatest of these is love.**