

LOVE NEVER FAILS

1 Cor. 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.”

INTRO: Love is a word that is very easy to express in ways that amazes the creativity of our human emotions. From a child all the way to an elderly we see how love can move the unmovable and shake the unshakable. In this world it seems that unrighteousness and evil prevail; that the lives of people have been harden but hidden among the devastations and emotional heartbreaks there is a light. LOVE comes alive in the heart, in the smile, in the eyes, in the affection of someone and all of a sudden, LOVE brings in Faith and HOPE.

LOVE never fails! Being religious, having wisdom and knowledge will not give you the results of what love will produce. But we need to understand the true meaning of love and we cannot find it without the true source of Love. This is God, for God is Love!

I. LOVE THAT IS **GIVEN** BY GOD – Jer. 31:3 “³ The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you”

1. **Everlasting Love**

1) His love is not **limited** on:

(1) **Emotions**

(a) I Love today but not tomorrow

(2) **Material things**

(a) It depends on what you give me

(3) **Physical bodies**

(a) I have to change you for another one

(4) **On time**

(a) I don't love you anymore is not on God's vocabulary

(5) It doesn't matter - Who you are / Quien Eres

(6) It doesn't matter - What you are / Que Eres

(7) It doesn't matter - How you are / Como Eres

2) Everlasting – **without end**

(1) His love will always be there!

(a) When your **spouse** leaves you

(b) When your **friends** abandon you

(c) When you are **left** with nothing

(d) God is **there**!

(2) Ps. 27:10 “¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me”

2. **Lovingkindness – tenderness, and consideration toward others**

1) God is not **rough** or **tough**

(1) He is tender – showing gentleness, concern or sympathy

2) He is considerate

(1) He understands

(a) When you get to that point in thinking that nobody understands what you are passing through – God is There!

3) He is **gentle** with us

(1) He doesn't anger easily

4) He is **merciful**

(1) He will understand us

II. WHY GOD'S LOVE NEVER **FAILS**

1. It's in His *attributes*

- 1) Moses said it in the simplest way: Dt. 7:7-8 ⁷ "The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ But it was because the ***LORD loved you*** and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt."
- 2) John mentions: 1 Jn. 4:8 ⁸ "Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

2. He knew us *even before we were born*

- 1) Jer. 1:4-5 ⁴ "The LORD said to me, ⁵ "I chose you before I gave you life, and before you were born I selected you to be a prophet to the nations."

3. He carries us close to His *heart*

- 1) Is. 40:10-11 ¹⁰ "See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. ¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young"

4. He loves us through *Christ Jesus*

- 1) Rom. 8:39 ³⁹ "neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"
 - (1) When He sees us, He sees His only Begotten Son Jesus
 - (2) Nothing will separate us from His Love!

III. HOW SHOULD WE **EXPRESS THIS LOVE SO IT WILL NEVER FAIL?**

1. Follow the *teachings of Jesus*

- 1) Mat. 7:12 ¹² "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets"

2. Be *considerate to your brother*

- 1) Gal. 6:1 ¹ "Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted"

3. *Help each other out*

- 1) Gal. 6:2 ² "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

4. Love one *another*

- 1) 1 Jn. 4:12 ¹² "No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

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CONCLUSION: