

**“And Mary
remained with
her about three
months”**

Luke 1:56



**When does
Love have
value and
when does it
not?**



Valuable Love

1. A serving one
2. Seasoned with wisdom
3. Offered for no return
4. Adorned with loyalty
5. In the Lord Christ



1. A serving Love ⁽¹⁾

- “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth”

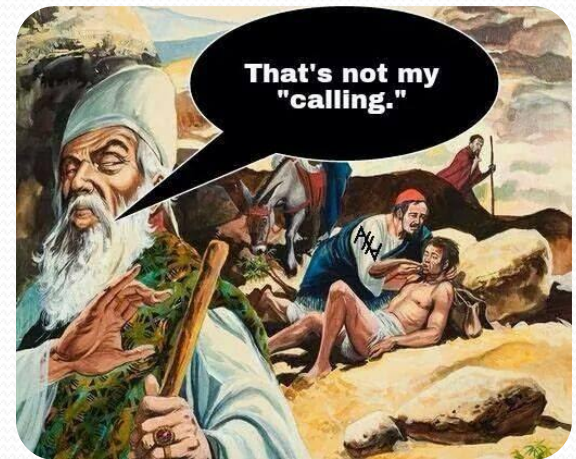
1 John 3:18

- Has no personal interest except the well-being of the loved one



1. A serving Love (2)

- When love is passive and self-serving, it is of no value and unable to make any change



2. Seasoned with wisdom ⁽¹⁾

- The love of the father to his lost son allowed the son to learn his life lesson through bearing the consequences of his choice.



2. Seasoned with wisdom ⁽²⁾

- The love of the prophet Nathan to David and Samuel to Saul and its expression in the “confrontation”
- The love of the Lord Christ to St. Paul and denying his request to be healed



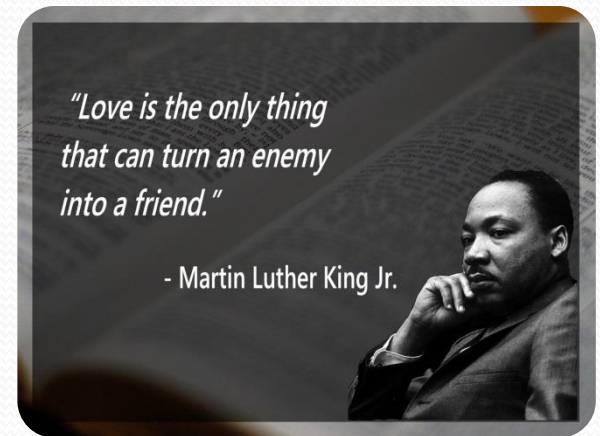
2. Seasoned with wisdom ⁽³⁾

- The love of the Lord Christ to Judas Iscariot and showing him patience
- The love of a wise parent while chastising his/her child



3. Offered for no return ⁽¹⁾

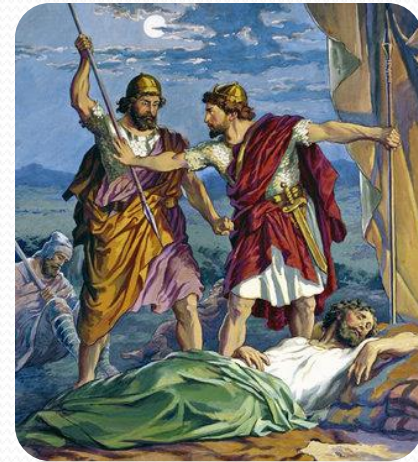
- The love that will be rewarded is the one that is not returned here on earth
- Loving those who do not favor us and those who have nothing to pay us back are examples of this love



3. Offered for no return ⁽²⁾

- David's love to Saul the king:

“Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, ‘I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD’s anointed.’” *1 Samuel 24:10*



4. Adorned with loyalty ⁽¹⁾

- Joseph respected Potiphar more than Potiphar's wife
- Jonathan's love to David even while knowing that this will eventually cause him to lose the throne



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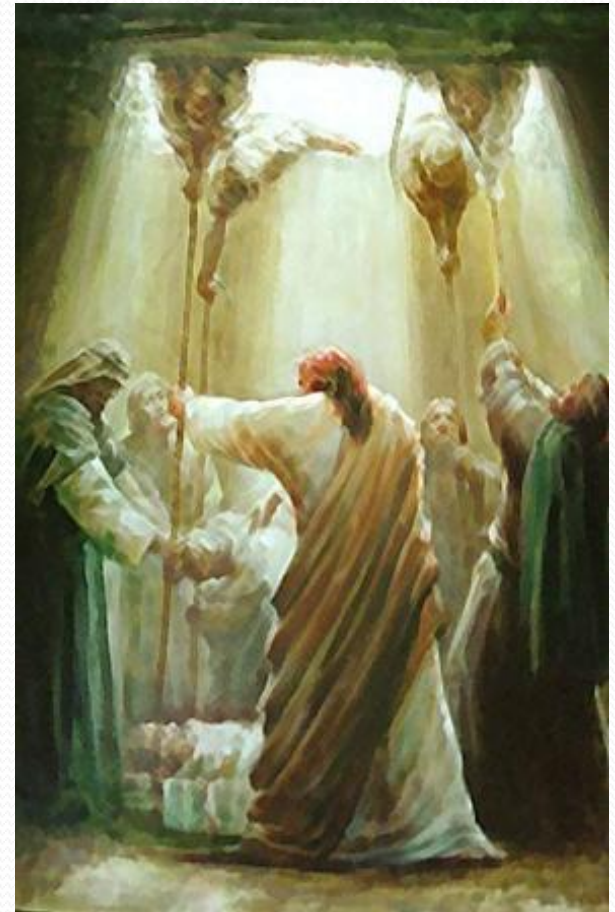
- The love of the Rechabites to their father: “We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, ‘You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons, forever’”



Jeremiah 35:6

4. Adorned with loyalty ⁽³⁾

- The love of the four friends to their paralytic friend is another example of a loyal love:
“A friend loves at all times” *Proverbs 17:17*



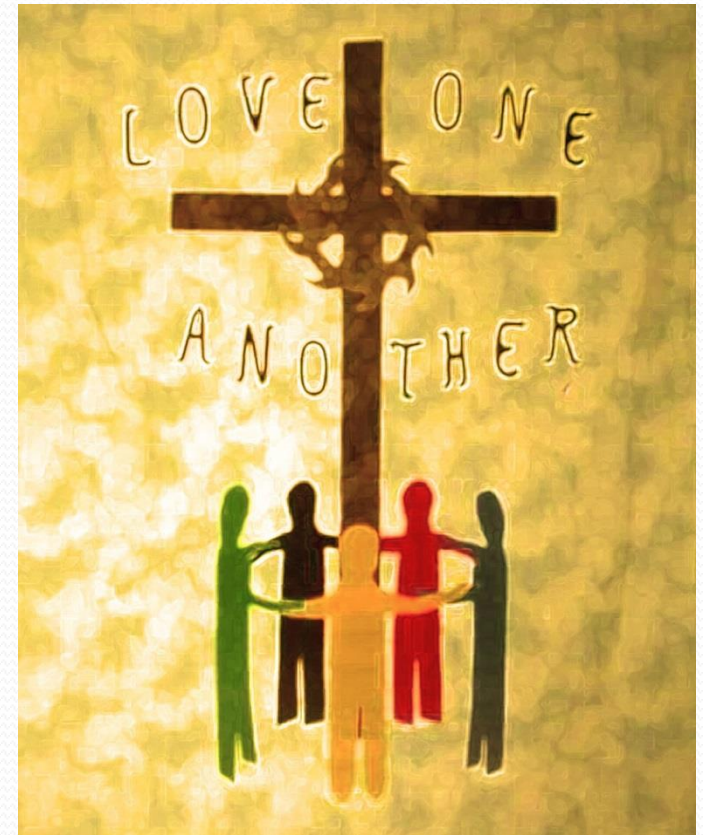
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- Love that alters with every conflict or a challenge is of no value to either party



5. In the Lord Christ ⁽¹⁾

- True, valuable love should be always governed by the Lord Christ's commandments
- Love that violates this rule is of no value and should not be regarded



5. In the Lord Christ ⁽²⁾

- Love that is in the Lord Christ will make us and those whom we love better people



5. In the Lord Christ ⁽³⁾

- Lust, being in a relationship with an unbeliever, compromising our values to get along with friends and complimenting a heretical dogma to please others are all examples of love not in the Lord Christ

