**Sermon Outline** First Baptist Church

 June 25, 2017 (Morning)

“This is Love, Part 4”

**1 Corinthians 13:7**

 **I. Love bears all things.**

* στέγω (stegó)
* I cover, conceal, ward off, bear with, endure patiently.
* properly, to place under roof, to cover-over (with a roof); (figuratively) to endure because shielded, i.e. bearing up (forbearing) because under the Lord's protection (covering).
* to cover closely (so as to keep water out), generally to bear up under

1 Corinthians 9:12

If others share the right over you, do we not more? Nevertheless, we did not use this right, but **we endure** all things so that we will cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ.

1 Thessalonians 3:1

Therefore when **we could endure** *it* no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone,

1 Thessalonians 3:5

For this reason, **when I could endure** *it* no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.

 **II. Love believes all things.**

* πιστεύω (pisteuó)
* I believe, have faith in, trust in; pass: I am entrusted with.
* from pístis, "faith," derived from peíthō, "persuade, be persuaded" – believe (affirm, have confidence)

Mark 1:15

…and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and **believe** in the gospel.”

John 1:7

He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all **might** believe through him.

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, *even* to those who **believe** in His name…

John 3:14-18

14As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up;

15so that whoever **believes** will in Him have eternal life.

16“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18**He who believes** in Him is not judged; **he who does not believe** has been judged already, because **he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who **believes**, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Matthew 8:13

And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have **believed**.” And the servant was healed that very moment.

Matthew 9:28

When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, “Do you **believe** that I am able to do this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

Matthew 21:22

And all things you ask in prayer, **believing**, you will receive.”

 **III. Love hopes all things.**

* ἐλπίζω (elpizó)
* I hope, hope for, expect, trust.
* to hope, actively waiting for God's fulfillment about the faith He has inbirthed through the power of His love

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance **of things hoped for**, the evidence of things not seen.

Matthew 12:21 (KJV)

And in his name shall the Gentiles **trust.**

1 Peter 1:13

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, **fix your hope** completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 4:10

For it is for this we labor and strive, because **we have fixed our hope** on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.

 **IV. Love endures all things.**

* ὑπομένω (hupomenó)
* I remain behind, (b) I stand my ground, show endurance, (c) I endure, bear up against, persevere.
* literally, remaining under (the load), bearing up (enduring); for the believer, this uniquely happens by God's power (cf. 1 Thes 3:5).

Matthew 10:22

You will be hated by all because of My name, **but it is the one who has endured** to the end who will be saved.

Matthew 24:13

**But the one who endures** to the end, he will be saved.

Mark 13:13

You will be hated by all because of My name, **but the one who endures** to the end, he will be saved.

Romans 12:10-12

10*Be* devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; 11not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12rejoicing in hope, **persevering in tribulation**, devoted to prayer,

Hebrews 10:32

But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, **you endured** a great conflict of sufferings,

Hebrews 12:1-3

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3For consider Him **who has endured** such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

James 1:12

Blessed is a man who **perseveres** under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

1 Peter 2:20

For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, **you endure** it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* **you patiently endure it**, this *finds* favor with God.

**Scripture References**

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions.

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

James 5:19-20

19My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Matthew 18:15-20

15“If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. 17If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. 19“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. 20For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

Galatians 6:1-2

1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

1 Corinthians 5

Ephesians 5:7-12

7Therefore do not be partakers with them; 8for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light 9(for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. 11Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; 12for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

Colossians 3:12-14 (KJV)

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

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

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