

“This is Love, Part 1”
1 Corinthians 13:5

I. Love does not act unbecomingly.

- ἀσχημονέω (aschémoneó)
- to behave disgracefully, dishonorably, indecently
- to act improperly, am unseemly, behave unbecomingly (or even dishonorably);
- from asxémōn, "without proper shape, form" – to act unseemly (literally, "improperly"); (figuratively) to lack proper form and hence thought of as unseemly (indecent, unbecoming).
- 2 Occurrences in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 7:36; 13:5)
- from aschémón
 - ἀσχήμων (aschémón)
 - unseemly, indecent
 - an adverb, derived from A "without" and sxéma, "external shape" – properly, lacking proper appeal (form),
 - 1 Occurrence in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 12:23)

(1 Peter 2:1-5)

II. Love does not seek its own.

- ζητέω (zéteó)
- to devote serious effort to realize one's desire or objective
- I seek, search for, desire, require, demand
- properly, to seek by inquiring; to investigate to reach a binding (terminal) resolution; to search, "getting to the bottom of a matter."

1 Corinthians 10:24; 31-33

²⁴ Let no one **seek** his own good, but that of his neighbor.

³¹ Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³² Give no offense either to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God; ³³ just as I also please all men in all things, not **seeking** my own profit but the profit of the many, so that they may be saved.

Matthew 6:33

But **seek** first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Colossians 3:1

Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, **keep seeking** the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Timothy 1:16-17

¹⁶ The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains; ¹⁷ but when he was in Rome, **he eagerly searched** for me and found me...

(Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 10:24; 31-33; Philippians 2:1-8; Colossians 3:1; 2 Timothy 1:16-17)

III. Love is not provoked.

- παροξύνω (paroxunó)
- I arouse anger, provoke, irritate.
- from pará, "alongside" and oxys, "a sharp edge" – properly, cut close alongside, i.e. to incite ("jab") someone and stimulate their feelings (emotions); "become emotionally provoked (upset, roused to anger)."

Acts 17:16

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit **was being provoked** within him as he was observing the city full of idols.

(Psalm 7:11; 38:1-4; 85:4; 119:52-53; Jeremiah 15:17; Acts 17:16; 2 Peter 2:7-8)

IV. Love does not take into account a wrong suffered.

- λογίζομαι (logizomai)
- to determine by mathematical process, *reckon, calculate*
- I reckon, count, charge with; reason, decide, conclude; think, suppose.
- properly, compute, "take into account"; reckon (come to a "bottom-line"), i.e. reason to a logical conclusion (decision).

Romans 8:18

For **I consider** that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

2 Timothy 4:16

At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; **may it not be counted** against them.

Mark 15:28

[And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And **He was numbered** with transgressors."]

2 Corinthians 5:19

...namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, **not counting** their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Romans 4:5-9

⁵ But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith **is credited** as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing on the man to whom God **credits** righteousness apart from works:

⁷ "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOSE LAWLESS DEEDS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN, AND WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN COVERED.

⁸ "BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE SIN THE LORD **WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT.**"

⁹ Is this blessing then on the circumcised, or on the uncircumcised also? For we say, "FAITH **WAS CREDITED TO ABRAHAM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS.**"

(Mark 15:28; Romans 4:5-9; 8:18; Acts 3:19; 2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 4:32; 2 Timothy 4:16)

Scripture References and Notes

- I. The Priority of Godly Love (vs. 1-3).
- II. The Character of Godly Love (vs. 4-7).
 - A. The **Character** of Agape Love in its qualities (vs. 4-5).
 - B. The **Character** of Agape Love in truth (v. 6).
 - C. The **Character** of Agape Love in its personal manifestation (v. 7).
- III. The Supremacy of Godly Love (vs. 8-13).

1 Timothy 3:2-7

² An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, ³ not addicted to wine or pugnacious, but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money. ⁴ *He must be* one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity ⁵ (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?), ⁶ *and* not a new convert, so that he will not

become conceited and fall into the condemnation incurred by the devil. ⁷ And he must have a good reputation with those outside *the church*, so that he will not fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1 Peter 2:1-5

¹ Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, ² like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, ³ if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord. ⁴ And coming to Him as to a living stone which has been rejected by men, but is choice and precious in the sight of God, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Philippians 2:1-8

¹ Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, ² make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. ³ Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; ⁴ do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. ⁵ Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Psalms 7:11

God is a righteous judge, And a God who has indignation every day.

Psalms 38:1-4

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in Your wrath, And chasten me not in Your burning anger. ² For Your arrows have sunk deep into me, And Your hand has pressed down on me. ³ There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your indignation; There is no health in my bones because of my sin. ⁴ For my iniquities are gone over my head; As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.

Psalms 85:4

Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your indignation toward us to cease.

Psalms 119:52-53

⁵² I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O LORD, And comfort myself. ⁵³ Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked, Who forsake Your law.

Jeremiah 15:17

I did not sit in the circle of merry-makers, Nor did I exult. Because of Your hand *upon me* I sat alone, For You filled me with indignation.

2 Peter 2:7-8

⁷ and *if* He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men ⁸ (for by what he saw and heard *that* righteous man, while living among them, felt *his* righteous soul tormented day after day by *their* lawless deeds)...

Acts 3:19

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.