

“This is Love, Part 3”
1 Corinthians 13:6

οὐ χαίρει ἐπὶ τῇ ἀδικίᾳ συγχαίρει δὲ τῇ ἀληθείᾳ

I. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness.

“does not rejoice”

χαίρει (chairei)

1. to be in a state of happiness and well-being, rejoice, be glad
2. properly, to delight in God's *grace*

John 3:29-30

²⁹ He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, **rejoices** greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full. ³⁰ He must increase, but I must decrease.

1 Corinthians 16:15-18

¹⁵ Now I urge you, brethren (you know the household of Stephanas, that they were the first fruits of Achaia, and that they have devoted themselves for ministry to the saints), ¹⁶ that you also be in subjection to such men and to everyone who helps in the work and labors. ¹⁷ I **rejoice** over the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus, because they have supplied what was lacking on your part. ¹⁸ For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.

Mark 14:10-11

¹⁰ Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. ¹¹ They were **glad** when they heard this, and promised to give him money. And he began seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.

ἀδικία (adikia)

- an act that violates standards of right conduct, *wrongdoing*
- the quality of injustice, *unrighteousness, wickedness, injustice*
- a feminine noun derived from A "not" and *díkē*, "justice" – properly, the opposite of justice; unrighteousness, as a violation of God's standards (justice) which brings divine disapproval; a count (violation) of God's justice, i.e. what is contrary to His righteous judgments (what He approves).

Luke 13:23-27

²³ And someone said to Him, “Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?” And He said to them, ²⁴ “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us!’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’ ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’; ²⁷ and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL **YOU EVILDOERS.**’

Romans 9:14

What shall we say then? There is no **injustice** with God, is there? May it never be!

2 Corinthians 12:11-13

¹¹ I have become foolish; you yourselves compelled me. Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. ¹² The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles. ¹³ For in what respect were you treated as inferior to the rest of the churches, except that I myself did not become a burden to you? Forgive me this **wrong!**

(Mark 14:10-11; Luke 13:23-27; Romans 9:14; John 3:29-30; 1 Corinthians 16:15-18; 2 Corinthians 12:11-13)

II. Love rejoices with the truth.

“but rejoices”

- συγχαίρω (sugchairó)
- I rejoice with, congratulate.
- From sýn, "identify with" and χαίρō, "rejoicing in God's grace") – properly, sharing God's grace with another person, so that both rejoice together (mutually participate in God's favor, grace).

Luke 1:57-58

⁵⁷ Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and **they were rejoicing** with her.

Luke 15:6, 9

⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘**Rejoice** with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’

⁹ When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘**Rejoice** with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’

1 Corinthians 12:26

And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members **rejoice** with it.

Philippians 2:17-18

¹⁷ But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and **share my joy** with you all. ¹⁸ You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and **share your joy** with me.

“the truth”

- ἀλήθεια (alétheia)
- truth, but not merely truth as spoken; truth of idea, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness.
- from alēthēs, "true to fact" – properly, truth (true to fact), reality.
- [In ancient Greek culture, (alétheia) was synonymous for "reality" as the opposite of illusion, i.e. fact.]

John 1:14, 17

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and **truth**.

¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and **truth** were realized through Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 2:2

Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned...

(Luke 1:57-58; 15:6, 9; John 1:14-17; 1 Corinthians 12:26; Philippians 2:17-18; 2 Peter 2:2)

III. Love that delights in truth is love that reflects God.

A. Rejoicing in truth is the way God loves.

B. Rejoicing in truth is the way God's people are exhorted to love.

(Psalm 7:11; 33:4-5; Proverbs 15:9; 2 Timothy 2:20-22)

Scripture References and Notes

Psalm 119:151

You are near, O LORD, And all Your commandments are truth.

2 Samuel 7:28

Now, O Lord GOD, You are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised this good thing to Your servant.

1 Samuel 12:24

Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you.

1 Kings 2:1-4

¹ As David's time to die drew near, he charged Solomon his son, saying, ² "I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man. ³ Keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testimonies, according to what is written in the Law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn, ⁴ so that the LORD may carry out His promise which He spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons are careful of their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

Romans 1:28-32

²⁸ And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

Psalms 7:11

For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness;
The upright will behold His face.

Psalms 33:4-5

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all His work is *done* in faithfulness.
⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.

Psalms 45:6-7

⁶ Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.
⁷ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You
With the oil of joy above Your fellows.

Proverbs 15:9

The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD,
But He loves one who pursues righteousness.

2 Timothy 2:20-22

²⁰ Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. ²¹ Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these *things*, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. ²² Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love *and* peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 John 3:4-10

⁴ Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. ⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; ⁸ the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. ¹⁰ By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.

3 John 4

I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.