

LOVE, ACTUALLY Part 1: "When Love Isn't Love, Actually" December 17, 2017 Pastor Chris

"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love." **1 Corinthians 13:13** (NLT)

LOVE IS POWERLESS TO ACTUALLY BE LOVE WHEN...

1. ...WE ARE ALL USING THE <u>SAME WORD</u>, BUT MEANING <u>DIFFERENT THINGS</u>

"You are just like your true father, the devil; and you spend your time pursuing the things your father loves. He started out as a killer, and <u>he cannot</u> tolerate truth because he is void of anything true. At the core of his character, he is a liar; everything he speaks originates in these lies because he is the father of lies. So when I speak truth, <u>you don't</u> believe Me."

John 8:44-45 (TVB)

"<u>God is not a God of confusion</u> but a God of peace."

1 Corinthians 14:33 (NCV)

2. ...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT <u>LOVE ACTUALLY</u> <u>IS</u>, SO WE CAN'T KNOW HOW <u>LOVE</u> <u>ACTUALLY WORKS</u>

"Let my cry come right into your presence, God; <u>provide me with the insight that</u> <u>comes only from your Word.</u>"

Psalm 119:169 (MSG)

"Jesus said to the people who believed in him, 'You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <u>And you **will know the truth**</u>, and the <u>truth will set you free.</u>"

John 8:31-32 (NLT)

"The <u>human heart is the most deceitful of all</u> <u>things</u>, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

3. ...WE TRY TO EXPERIENCE <u>WHAT LOVE IS</u> WITHOUT KNOWING <u>WHO LOVE IS</u>

"The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, <u>because God is love</u>—so you can't know him if you don't love."

1 John 4:8 (MSG)

"So I give you a new command: Love each other deeply and fully. <u>Remember the ways that I</u> <u>have loved you, and demonstrate your love for</u> <u>others in those same ways</u>. Everyone will know you as My followers if you demonstrate your love to others."

John 13:34-35 (TVB)