

The Meaning of Love

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MEANING... If we get this one wrong, it's all for naught!

Pursue love...

1 Corinthians 14:1

LOVE HAS A SHAPE.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, ⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4–7

Cheap substitutes: feeling, force, emotion, tolerance

Close but not quite: doing, deciding, committing

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Galatians 5:19, 22–23

Meaning: Love is a condition of connection, a "fruit" that we actively pursue.

LOVE HAS A SOURCE.

⁷...for love is from God... ⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:7–8

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Corinthians 5:14–15

✓ Healed

✓ Delivered

✓ Directed

LOVE HAS A STANCE (a posture, a "lean", a bias).

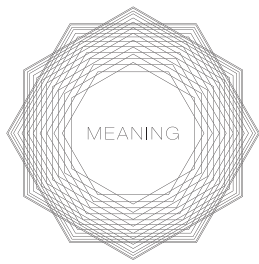
Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.

1 John 3:18

So we...

- Address the condition of our inner self (soul) ... BE loved by "LOVE".
- Follow leadings, promptings and movements of the Spirit.
- We take "safe dangerous risks" small (usually) and large (sometimes).

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