Love

2 Pet. 1:7
Introduction

• 2 Tim. 3:16-17 - "unto all good works"

• In brotherly love the Scriptures have furnished man the cure for most of the problems that exist between brethren today
Love Defined

• “Love here…signifies active good will toward mankind in general… J. Tolle

• This is a willingness to put another’s happiness or well-being above your own
Love Defined

• It is the love that would lead us to sacrifice self for the sake of another
• It is the kind of love God has for us
• Jn. 3:16
The Nature of True Love

- 1 Cor. 13:4-8
- **Suffers long** = is long tempered; patient with the weakness and shortcomings of others
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• **Is kind** = sympathy in action; gentle, not harsh; practices the “Golden Rule”

• **Envieth not** = is not moved with jealousy; not grieved at the success of others
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- Vaunteth not itself = does not put itself forward to be noticed; love does not boast
- Is not puffed up = is not arrogant; true love is humble and meek
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- **Doth not behave itself unseemly** = love has good manners; is careful of the feelings of others; courteous
- **Seeketh not her own** = is not selfish; puts God and others first
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- **Is not easily provoked** = not irritable; not easily offended; is mild tempered

- **Thinketh no evil** = does not itemize and store up grievances, real or imaginary; thinks the best of people
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- Rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth = rejoices in the best; we are happy when truth prevails
- Beareth all things = perseveres; is willing to cover the faults of others when it can
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• Believeth all things = believes the best; gives the benefit of the doubt

• Hopeth all things = is optimistic; one who loves another hopes for the very best
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• **Endureth all things** = loves makes us suffer and endure without bitter condemnation

• **Never faileth** = love never fails; love does not pass away;
Conclusion

• 1 Cor. 13:13