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**This morning, Charity beareth all things, Charity believeth all things:**

Recall from this morning, agape love covers the faults and sins of others with loving silence, and then, it lasts and goes the distance. And THEN, agape love is not suspicious and full of doubt and pessimism, but thinks the best of others, not the worst, and gives them the benefit of the doubt.

Questions from this morning: Christian, do you uncover and gossip about the faults and sins of others? Agape love doesn't do that!

Agape love COVERS the sins of others with loving silence. And then, are you one who is always ready to believe the worst about people or the best?

Not that you're gullible, but you "in love" give others the benefit of the doubt rather than always being suspicious of them.

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**Tonight: 1 Corinthians 13:7B: "Agape Love hopeth all things, and Agape Love endureth all things".**

This word "Hope" is the Greek word "elpizo" which means to expect, to trust, or have confidence in.

Think about YOUR HOPE of eternal life as a believer; it is not a chance or worldly hope or a "wish" that has no Biblical foundation.

It is NOT an earthly hope that is laden with doubt and uncertainty, but a sure and confident hope and expectation in the actual God-Given promise of eternal life from God Himself to every believer! Titus 1:1, 3:3-7

Beloved our hope is a sure and steadfast hope which confidently rests in the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Psalm 16:5-9, 119:49, 81, Romans 5:1-5, Titus 2:11-13, Hebrews 11:1

Pilgrim's Progress: When Christian's faith was weak and failing as the river of death got deeper and deeper, that was when Hopeful encouraged Christian to continue in faith and to take hold of the hope of eternal life. Romans 8:24-25

There is this aspect of "Agape Love" resting in hope that God has heard our prayers for the salvation of our own beloved sinners in our families and among our friends. We rest "in hope" with an expectation that God is going to save them from their sins. Romans 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 2:10, 3:15

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**"Agape love endureth all things"**

This word endure is a military term, it means to continue, stay, remain, and persevere even when being assaulted. Agape love endures every assault.

This is very similar to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meaning; "bearing up under all things", which we learned this morning.

Proverbs 17:17: "A friend loveth at ALL TIMES"; through thick and thin agape love endures.

Consider that this is the last characteristic of "Agape Love" BUT in reality, it further defines and solidifies every previous characteristic and virtue of agape love.

How so? Because EVERY previous characteristic of agape love, MUST ENDURE and CONTINUE or it will falter and fail! And agape love does not fail, it endures all things!

Matthew 10:16-22, 24:8-13, Hebrews 12:1-3, James 1:12, 5:11.

EVERY one of these passages, which define "endurance" or persevering and remaining, describe this characteristic of agape love, which endures through all things.

**(V8): Charity or Agape Love never faileth!**

It is longsuffering, patient, kind, NOT envious or jealous, NOT vaunting, which means it doesn't not brag; agape love is not arrogant and puffed up, does not behave indecently, or selfishly; agape love is not easily provoked, does not think evil, does not rejoice in iniquity and sin, but in the truth!

Agape Love: Bears, Believes, Hopes and ENDURES all things; the enduring quality of agape love adorns every one of these other characteristics of 1 Corinthians 13.

As we will see next week, there are many other things that will fail and vanish away, BUT NOT AGAPE LOVE!

The fact that agape love will never fail should speak loudly and clearly to each of us as to its paramount importance to our Christian lives.

John 13:34