

IS LOVE REALLY ALL YOU NEED?

2 PETER 1:7



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INTRODUCTION



May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.



For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(2 Peter 1:3-8)



PART 1

IS LOVE REALLY
ALL YOU NEED?



What is love?



“I give you my love, but you don’t care.
So what is right and what is wrong?
Give me a sign.
What is love?”

(Haddaway)



1 John 3:16, 1 John 4:9



Bring me a higher love



“Think about it. There must be higher love,
down in the heart or in the stars above.
Without it, life is wasted time.”

(Steve Winwood)



John 14:20-21



“But our soul, my brethren, is unlovely by reason of iniquity: by loving God it becomes lovely. What a love must that be that makes the lover beautiful! But God is always lovely, never unlovely, never changeable. Who is always lovely first loved us; and what were we when He loved us but foul and unlovely? But not to leave us foul; no, but to change us, and of unlovely make us lovely. How shall we become lovely? By loving Him who is always lovely. As the love increases in thee, so the loveliness increases: for love is itself the beauty of the soul.”

(Augustine, *The Epistle of St John*)



What's love got to do with it?



“What’s love got to do with it?
What’s love but a secondhand emotion?”

(Tina Turner)



Matthew 5:43-48 (cf. Luke 6:27-36)

Matthew 22:34-40 (cf. Mark 12:28-34)

1 Corinthians 13:13



All is full of love



“You’ll be given love.
You’ll be taken care of.
You’ll be given love.
You’ll have to trust it.

“Maybe not from the sources you have poured yours.
Maybe not from the directions you are staring at.

“Twist your head around.
It’s all around you.
All is full of love.
All around you.”

(Björk)



All you need is love



“All you need is love.
All you need is love.
All you need is love.
Love is all you need.”

(John Lennon and Paul McCartney)



1 Timothy 1:5



“Love of God is affirmed in and through our other loves, structuring them and ordering them, so that with each new discovery of good that the world and time lay open to us, the question of the love of God is put again, its sovereignty over other loves reasserted or forgotten. For love of the world and of the God who gives the world occupies our experience not as a settled condition, but as a series of openings and adventures.”

(Oliver O'Donovan, *Self, World, and Time: Ethics as Theology 1*)



“It is sufficient to render love to any created being, virtuous, if it arise from the temper of mind wherein consists a disposition to love God supremely.”

(Jonathan Edwards, *Dissertation
Concerning the Nature of True Virtue*)



PART 2

DISCUSSING PRACTICALITIES

THE GLORY OF TRUE HUMILITY



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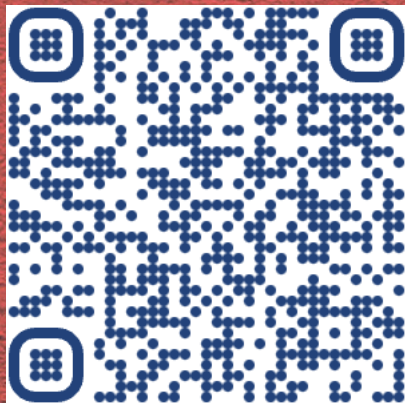


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PART 3

Q&A



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