

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13

A wise physician said, “The best medicine for humans is love.” Someone asked, “What if it doesn’t work?” The doctor said, “Increase the dose!” —Anon.

The Bible reading for today is from the apostle Paul’s first letter to the church in Corinth. Chapter 13 is arguably the most well-known 13 verses in the New Testament. This chapter is often called the “Love Chapter” because the theme is love.

However, the “love” of this chapter is not the love popularized by American popular culture. *This* love is known as *agape* love, using the Greek word itself as the name for this love. As you may already know, this love is the highest, noblest and most sacrificial love of all.

13 things you may not know about agape love

1. It’s more important to have love than to have faith, v. 1.
2. It’s more important to give love than to give away all your possessions, v. 3.
3. Love is patient, that is, it is not ill-mannered toward others, vv. 4-5.
4. Love is kind, v. 4.
5. Love is not stubborn and resentful,
and certainly is not happy when others experience bad luck, vv. 4-6.
6. Love is happy when truth is out, v. 6.
7. Love can put up with a ton of stuff, v. 7.
8. Love is so trusting as to be considered naïve, v. 7.
9. Against all odds, love never loses hope, v. 7.
10. Love perseveres no matter what life throws at it, v. 7.
11. This most rare kind of love never ends, v. 8.
12. Try to think of everything most sacred, most holy, most admired $\frac{3}{4}$
love is greater, vv. 8-13.
13. Of the list of virtues — faith, hope and love, for example — love comes in first, v. 13.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, fill me, just an imperfect vessel, with your love. Fill me to overflowing, so that your love may wash over all those I meet today, this week and every day thereafter. In your name. Amen.

*Blessings,
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Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Job 21-24
- Monday: Job 25-27
- Tuesday: Job 28-31
- Wednesday: Job 32-34
- Thursday: Job 35-37
- Friday: Job 38-42
- Saturday: Psalms 10-12

Verse to Remember

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. —Job 42:2

MISQUOTED!

DIRECTIONS: Rearrange the words to complete the quotation from the book of Proverbs.

KEEP TONGUE OVER TROUBLE OUT
WATCH MOUTH

“ To _____ and _____
is to _____ of _____ . ”

Romeo and Juliet

Romeo and Juliet are found dead on the floor in a bedroom. When they were discovered, there were pieces of glass and some water on the floor. A shelf and a bed are the only furniture in the room. The house is in a remote location, away from everything except for the nearby railway track. What caused the deaths of Romeo and Juliet?

Solution below.

Romeo and Juliet: Romeo and Juliet are fish. The rumble of the train knocked the tank off the shelf.
Misquoted. Proverbs 21:23, *To watch over mouth and tongue is to keep out of trouble. Before and After Words:*
After Words: 1. Bar, 2. Tea, 3. Lion, 4. Pool, 5. Paper, 6. Potato, 7. Knife, 8. Track, 9. Silver, 10. Coat, 11. House, 12. Room, 13. Can, 14. Ball, 15. Radio.

Before and After Words

Directions: Add a word to the end of the word on the left and the beginning of the word on the right to form two compound words or phrases. The dashes indicate the number of letters in the linking word. For example, if the words were PEANUT _ _ _ _ _ FLY, the linking word would be BUTTER (peanut butter, butterfly).

1. SALAD _ _ _ _ _ STOOL
2. ICED _ _ _ _ _ SET
3. SEA _ _ _ _ _ TAMER
4. CAR _ _ _ _ _ PARTY
5. NEWS _ _ _ _ _ BAG
6. HOT _ _ _ _ _ CHIP
7. STEAK _ _ _ _ _ EDGE
8. BACK _ _ _ _ _ SUIT
9. QUICK _ _ _ _ _ FISH
10. RAIN _ _ _ _ _ RACK
11. TREE _ _ _ _ _ BOAT
12. BED _ _ _ _ _ MATE
13. TIN _ _ _ _ _ OPENER
14. BASKET _ _ _ _ _ TEAM
15. CAR _ _ _ _ _ STATION