

“Greater Love has no one than this. Than to lay down His life for His friend.” John 15:13

I. “Greater Love” comes from God.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” I John 4:7-10

II. By Loving each other we experience God's “Greater Love.”

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.” I John 4:11-12

III. “Greater Love” is...

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me.” I Cor. 13:4-8,11

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” Col. 3:12-14

IV. “Greater Love” is the greatest of all human needs or actions.

“...I will show you the most excellent way. If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but do not have love, I gain nothing.” ¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. I Cor. 12:31-13:1-3,13

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