

Series: The Authentic Life

Message: Authentic Love: Part One

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-7 (NASB)

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Pre-message diagnostic:

On a scale of 0-10 (10 be the best), rate the following:

- 1) How would you rate your love for God?
- 2) If married, how would you rate your love for your spouse?
- 3) Take the person you consider least desirable / your "enemy", how are you loving them?
- 4) How are you loving yourself in a healthy way?

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

¹ If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

² If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

³ And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

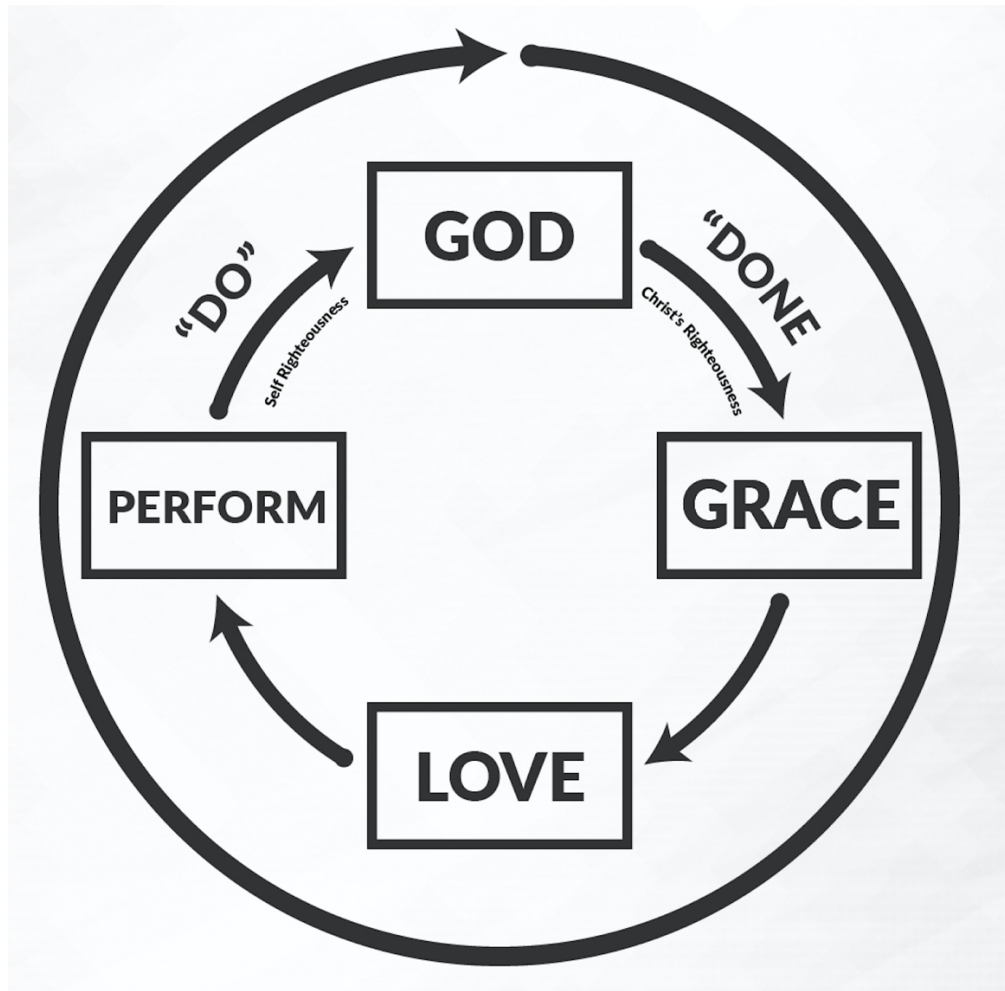
⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth;

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

1. God's Thoughts On Authentic Love 1 Cor. 13

- 1) The priority of love vs 1-3
 - a. Versus the ability to communicate
 - b. Versus the possession of spiritual power
 - c. Versus the discipline of deep commitment



2) The description of love vs 4-7

3) The permanence of love vs 8-13 **(next week)**

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

⁸ Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part;

¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

¹³ But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

2. The Difference Between Authentic And Inauthentic Love

- 1) Inauthentic love is a natural emotion, while authentic love is a supernatural fruit
- 2) Inauthentic love is motivated by self interest while authentic love is motivated by God's command. **(next week)**
- 3) Inauthentic love is measured by feelings, while authentic love is measured by commitment. **(next week)**

Recommendations for loving those you dislike:

- 1) Admit
- 2) Appropriate
- 3) Commit