"God's Love" 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Question: What does it mean when Paul writes that "love never fails"?

The <u>love</u> spoken here "will never fail" because God never fails. He is eternal, and his love also last for eternity <u>lsaiah 40:28</u>.

In the end, God has the final word for the definition of love. 1 John 4:8-9

Question: What comes to mind when you think of God "abounding in love" or "rich in love?" Is that the way you walk around thinking about God? 1 John 4:7-12. Ephesians 3:17-19.

God's love is perfect. His love never changes. His love doesn't end. It is so vast that it never runs out. God doesn't stop loving. And nothing can ever separate you from God's love—not even ourselves. Isn't that good to know?

Although we may feel love as an emotion, love is really a choice. God chose to love us, not because of anything we have done, or will do, but simply as a choice of His grace toward us. Romans 5:8

One of the best ways to see what love looks like is to look at Jesus' life. <u>John 18:15-18, 25,27, John 21:15-19.</u>

Jesus had been with His disciples for 3 years, loving them as He was teaching them how to love others. Jesus gave a new command to His disciples the night before He died. John 13:34-35.

What about the times we find ourselves on the receiving end of disappointments, rejections, maybe broken trust, or a friendship that became a cold shoulder?

How did the true followers of Jesus come to love as Jesus had commanded them? <u>John 3:7</u> What will be the evidence of this? <u>1 John 4:1-12</u>, <u>Ephesians 3:17-19</u>,

Paul Acts 15:36-40, Why Paul did not want Mark to go, where was the love? Acts 13.13,

Paul developed a respect and love for Mark later in life 2 Timothy 4:9-13, Colossians 4.10,

We also know Mark worked closely with Paul during Paul's imprisonment in Rome. Philemon 23).

Our Love for each other should always mimic our love for God. Romans 5:5

If we were to draw a circle around us and put everything, we love so dear to us within that circle being mindful that God is that circle.

(Now if we began to remove everyone and everything we love so dear) what would be left?

Answer: God and us!

So, watch this <u>1 John 4:19 John 13:34-35</u>