



A PLACE TO BELONG
and *Grow*

Welcome
to your home church!



Love is...

1 Corinthians 13

I. LOVE IS *PATIENT* AND *KIND* (4).

II. LOVE IS *UNSELFISH* (5).

III. LOVE IS *FORGIVING* (5c).

...does not take into account a wrong suffered.

A. The reality of hurtful relationships.

“Nursing a grudge”

B. How to reach the point of forgiveness.

1. Release past hurts.

2. Refer vengeance to God.

Rom. 12:17-19 – *Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.*

3. Remember how God has forgiven you.

Jer. 31:34 – *I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*

Eph. 4:32 – *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

4. Rely on the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor. 3:16 – *Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?.*

Eph. 3:16 – *...that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man.*

C. Forgiveness is not an *act*, it is a *process* (Matt. 18:21-22).

