

Part One

What is Genuine Love?

Hebrews 13:1

Continue to love each other with true Christian love.

- Genuine love lives above selfishness.
- Genuine love endeavours to pursue self-less-ness.
- Genuine love is a matter of our will and not only emotions or feelings.
- Genuine love is a choice combined with commitment!

Illustration: *Choosing to become engaged with the commitment of marriage.*

- Genuine 'God-kind-of-love' is shown by our actions.

1 John 3:18 *Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.*

- God demonstrated His love towards us - not in words - but by action!

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- The measure and degree of our love will always be known by our actions towards others.
- Love is really alive when it is giving.

John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son....*

- Genuine love is built upon sacrifice.
- Genuine love always protects, always trust, hopes and perseveres.
- This sacrificial and giving 'God-kind-of-love' never fails!
- We celebrate and thank God for His demonstration of love toward us by sending His Son Jesus to die an awful death revealing the depth of Father God's love for us.