

The Greatest of These – Love Celebrates

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 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. 8 Love never fails.

1. Love _____ Others

1 Corinthians 13:6 "Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth."

- **Celebrating others requires a _____ in others.**

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

- **Celebrating others requires an _____ in other people.**

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

2. Love Celebrates _____

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- Consider the contrast between *unrighteousness* and *truth*.
- John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- How do we celebrate truth in one another?

- We know what the life of Christ looks like.
- We look for that quality in one another.
- We point it out and celebrate it when we see it.

- How often do you rejoice with the truth?

3. Love Celebrates _____

1 Corinthians 13:6 "Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth."

- Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed."
- The Greek word used in that verse is the same word from which we get our word metamorphosis.

- Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness..."
- Galatians 4:19 My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.
- It's rejoicing in the process we see happening in another person's life of becoming like Christ.
- Part of this rejoicing means not being content with anything less than transformation.
- It means transformation is our personal goal, and it also means celebrating transformation in others.
- Romans 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son...

On a scale of 1 – 5 (1 being the worst and 5 being the best), how good are you at...

- Celebrating other people?
- Celebrating the truth you see being lived out in other people's lives?
- Celebrating transformation you see in others?

What are some things you can do this week to reorient your focus?