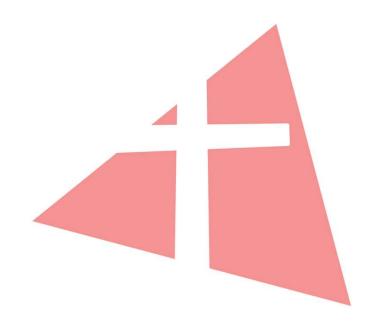
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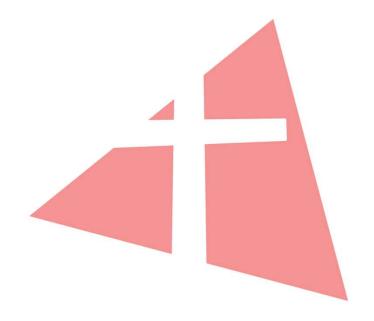
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### **Last Week**

#### The Names of God

- I am that I am
- El Shaddai
- EL ELYON
- Adonai
- Yahweh
- Jehowah-Raah
- Jehowah-Rapha
- Jehowan-Jireh



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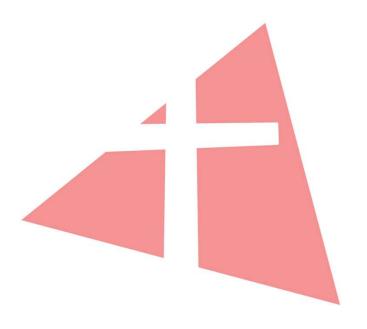
1 John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.

### The World and Love

- The world has a very wrong understanding of "What love actually is"
- Satan is trying to distort our understanding

# Effects of satan's lies

Our marriages suffer



### Effects of satan's lies

- We misinterpret God's love towards us
- We can't love God

1 John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.

• We can't love each other

John 13:35 By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.

### **Biblical Love as Parents**

Hebrews 12:9-11 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them who are trained by it.

### Jesus' Love

1 John 3:16 By this perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

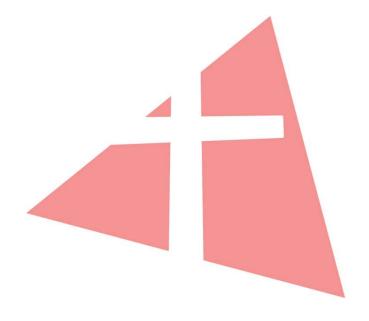
Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

#### • 1. Cor. 13: The famous chapter of love

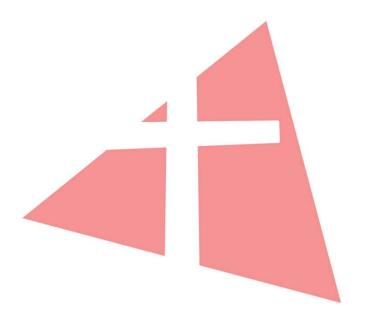
- Often read at weddings
- But the deeper meaning is about God's love for us

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Love suffers long, and is kind; love envies not; love vaunts not **itself**, is not puffed up, Does not behave itself rudely, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, **keep**s no record of evil; Rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; Bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails: but whether **there** be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether **there** be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

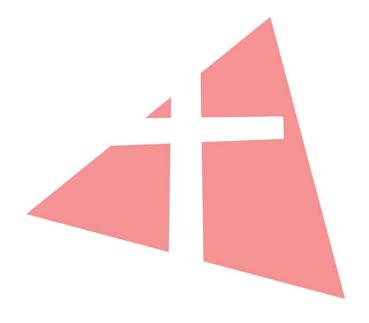
- Love suffers long (Love is patient)
- Love envies not
- Love vaunts not itself
- Love is not puffed up



- Love seeks not her own
- Love keeps no record of evil



- Love rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth
- Love believes all things
- Love hopes all things
- Love endures all things



#### Love never fails

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creation, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

• The "Happily ever after" type of love will be available to us in heaven

### In Conclusion

#### God loves us

- God treats us according to His definition of love
- Questions we should ask ourselves
  - Do we experience God's love?
  - Do we love God?
  - Do we love one another?

