

## ***“Genuine Love In Action”***

### ***1 Corinthians 13:1-13 \* 9/24/06***

*I. What is the greatest demonstration of Christian character?*

**That we love others as Christ loved us.**

*Verses:*

**John 13:34-35; 1 Cor.13:13; 1 John 4:8, 20**

*II. Some of the wrong ideas about love which people think:*

A. *That it's a strong feeling of emotional attraction.*

B. *That it's never pointing out something that's wrong in a person or situation.*

C. *That it's being nice to people; being fluffy, happy and smiley.*

*III. The Christian's Standard of What Love Is: Jesus*

A. *Did Jesus ever do something that didn't feel good? **He fasted, he resisted temptation, he fought Satan, he spoke the truth in inconvenient places, he died on the cross.***

B. *Did Jesus ever tell people what was wrong in them? **He said Herod was a “fox” and called the Pharisees “white-washed tombs”. He told an adulteress to go and sin no more.***

C. *Was Jesus always nice and fluffy? **He expressed anger and disappoint, yet without sin.***

*IV. Paul's Poem of Love – Clearly He Had Christ In Mind*

A. *“Love is kind”*

B. *“It does not envy”*

C. *“Love does not boast; it is not proud”*

D. *“Love is not rude”*

E. *“It is not self-seeking”*

F. *“It is not easily angered”*

G. *“It keeps no record of wrongs”*

H. *“Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth”*

I. *“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”*

*V. Having received God's love, what does Jesus want us to do next? **Give his love freely away to others.***

*One church's story:*

**A church in Cincinnati that began a “no-strings attached” random-acts-of-kindness ministry, something we are going to emulate in coming weeks.**

*VI. A couple ideas of how I might show Jesus' love this week:*