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Love Rejoices in the Truth
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After the series of verbs describing how **love** responds to evildoing, **Paul** now concludes with a set of verbal opposites. For this last link of the eight negative statements: **Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, Paul** supplies the first of five positive statements: **but rejoices in the truth.** The first positive contrasting the last negative.[416] At first glance, it may seem strange to contrast **not rejoicing in unrighteousness** (Greek: *adikia*, meaning *wickedness* or *doing evil*) with **rejoicing in the truth**. But we must understand that anything that is **unrighteous** in the sight of **ADONAI** grieves the heart that is full of **love**, not merely because the **evil** hurts the one to whom it is done, but especially because **God** hates **evil** and must punish the wrongdoer. **Those who are self-seeking, who disobey the truth and obey evil, Ha'Shem will pay back with wrath and anger (Romans 2:8).** Where **unrighteousness** triumphs, **truth** is absent. **Evil** prevails where the heart has pleasure in **it**, loves **it**, and thus **rejoices** in **it**. The **love** that **Paul** describes is absent in that case. But where the heart rejoices in **the truth**, embraces **it** gladly, and finds pleasure in possessing **it**, there, **unrighteousness** is driven out.[417]

Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices (Greek: *suhchairei*, meaning *sharing God's grace with another person, so that both rejoice together*) **in the truth.** Thus, **the truth Paul** is speaking of here is not simply factual truth. **He** is speaking of **ADONAI'S truth**, **God's** revealed **Word** . . . **Yeshua Messiah**, who

said: **I AM the way and the Truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6). Righteousness** is predicated on **God's truth** and cannot exist apart from **it** or **Him**. **Love** always **rejoices in God's truth** and never in falsehood or false teaching, which is **evil**. **Love** cannot tolerate wrong doctrine. **It** cannot suppress **the truth (Romans 1:18)** or exchange **it** for **a lie (Romans 1:25)**. It makes no sense to say, "It doesn't make any difference if people don't agree with our doctrine. What matters is that we love them." That is the basic view of what is commonly called the ecumenical movement today. However, if we truly **love** others it should matter a great deal to us whether or not they believe what is right and wrong, what is **truth** and what is **unrighteousness**. Because what they believe affects their souls, their eternal destinies, and their representation of **God's** will, and therefore, should be of the highest concern for us. You don't get to heaven by what you *do*, you get to heaven by what you *believe!*

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, **You** are the perfect example of **Truth**. Praise **You** that in all **You** do, say and think, **You** are **truth**. In this world so many people speak what they call "white" lies but you call all untruths to be lies. It does not matter if it is just a shade off the truth- it is a lie. That gives us such great confidence in all you say in **Your** Word to be 100% **Truth**! Every promise that **You** make is totally reliable. We can always **trust You** completely. What a fantastic promise **Yeshua** made. **Do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you may also be (John 14:1-3).** Even when things look dark to us, it is not dark to you. **Even darkness is not dark for You, and night is as bright as day (Psalms 139:12).** Even the future is not **dark** to **You** for **You** know the future in detail **(Daniel 2:24-30). You** are so powerful and we can **trust** that no kingdom will ever be greater than **You**. **ADONAI has set up His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all (Psalms 103:19).** We rejoice in the **truth** of **Your** great **love**! In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*

Love is consistent with **kindness** (**to see link click Cw – Love is Kind**) but it is not consistent with compromising **the truth**. That is not **kind** to those whom we mislead by our failure to stand firmly in **the truth**. **This is love, John** tells us: **that we should live according to His commands.** To compromise, for example, with those who cast doubt on the incarnation is not **loving**. It risks eternal reward. **For many deceivers have gone out into the world, people who do not**

acknowledge Yeshua Messiah's coming as a human being. Such a person is a deceiver and an anti-Messiah. Watch yourselves, so that you don't lose what we have accomplished, but will receive your full reward (Second John 6-8). Love, **truth**, and **righteousness** are inseparable. When one is weakened the other two are also weakened. **Paul** teaches us that **if someone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, don't welcome him into your home. Don't even say, "Shalom!" to him; for the person who says, "Shalom!" to him shares in his evil deeds (Second John 10-11).** We are not to **rejoice** in **evil** teaching or **evil** living. **Love** rejoices in **the truth** and never in falsehood or **unrighteousness**.

On the other hand, **love** does not focus on the wrongs of others. **Love** does not parade their faults for all the world to see. **Love** does not disregard falsehood and **unrighteousness**, but as much as possible **it** focuses on the **true** and the right. It looks for the good, hopes for the good, and emphasizes the good. **Love rejoices** in those who repent and turn from **unrighteousness**, and **it rejoices** in those who teach and live **the truth**.[418]