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Love Believes All Things
13: 7b

In addition to **covering all things**, **love** also **believes all things.** Of the four qualities listed earlier (**to see link click Df – Love Covers All Things**), the two verbs in the center, **covers** and **believes** are joined with **love** in **13:13** to form an unshakable triad. When **love** throws its mantle over a wrong it also **believes** in the best outcome for the one who has done the wrong – that the wrong will be confessed and forgiven and the loved one restored to righteousness. **Love** also **believes all things** in another way. The flesh is ready to believe all the negative things about a brother or a sister, but **love** does just the opposite. If there is doubt about a person's guilt or motivation, **love** will always opt for the most favorable possibility. If a loved one is accused of something wrong, **love** will consider him innocent until proven guilty. If he turns out to be guilty, love will give credit for the best motive. **Love** errs on the favorable side. **It** is confident and **believes** to the last.



Job's friends show few signs of **love**. They were ready to **believe** the worst about **him**, being thoroughly convinced that **his** problems could only have been caused by **his** sins. **Job** did not **himself** understand why **he** was suffering so terribly, but **he** knew it was not because of **his** sins. **Look, I know what you are thinking, he** responded, **and your plans to do me wrong (Job 21:27). They** gave **Job** no benefit of the doubt because **they** had no true **love** for **him**. Knowing the uprightness of **Job's** life, **loving friends** would have realized that **his** sufferings were out of proportion to whatever shortcomings **he** had.

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, Praise **You** for being willing to not just talk of **love**, but to show **Your** great **love,** though it cost **You** so much pain and shame**. Focusing on Yeshua, the initiator and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame; and He has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).** To **love** someone who is wonderful is easy, but **You loved** us while we were still sinners **(Romans 5:8).** How wonderful that **Yeshua** is now in heaven **lovingly preparing** our eternal home **(John 14:1-3)**. What great **love** and **mercy You** have! **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His mercy for those who fear Him (Psalms 103:11).** It is a great joy and privilege to think of **loving** and praising **You** in heaven for all eternity. In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*

The loveless attitude of **the scribes** and **Pharisees** is seen in **their** predisposition to see the worst in others, including **Yeshua**. When **Yeshua** forgave the paralytic for **his sins**, **the Pharisees** immediately concluded **He** was blaspheming (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Co – Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralyzed Man**). To prove that **He** was truly **the Messiah** (see the commentary on **Isaiah Gl – The Three Messianic Miracles**), **Yeshua** healed **a blind man** who was also **mute** (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ek – It is only by Beelzebub, the Prince of Demons, That This Fellow Drives Out Demons**). Most of the crowd that had gathered were in total awe of the miracle and glorified **God**. But we know from **their** later words and actions that **the scribes** and **Pharisees** remained convinced that **Yeshua** was evil.

Hatred believes the worst; **love believes** the best.

Love is a harbor of **trust**. When that **trust** is broken, **love's** first reaction is to heal and restore. **Brothers, suppose someone is caught doing something wrong. You who have the Spirit should set him right, but in a spirit of humility, keeping an eye on yourselves so that you won't be tempted too (Galatians 6:1).**