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Love Endures All Things
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Finally, **love endures all things,** at **all** costs**. Love** holds fast to those **it loves**. It stands against overwhelming opposition and refuses to stop **covering** (**to see link click Df – Love Covers All Things**), stop **believing** (see **Dg – Love Believes All Things**), or stop **hoping** (see **Dh – Love Hopes All Things**). **Love** will not stop **loving**. In these four statements the inner power of **love** is revealed: **her** head held high, **her** eyes are bright and shining, **her** hand is steady and true, **her** heart is strong with **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh** within. This **love** has been rightly called "the greatest thing in the world." **Paul** does not describe **love** in **its** greatest works, sacrifices, martyrdoms, or triumphs; **he** goes to the ordinary circumstances of life as we meet them day-by-day. There are many excuses on why we cannot **love**. But, **Paul** will not hear of it. Any of it. **He** encourages us to be true followers of **Messiah** and exercise **love**. **Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much (Luke 16:10a).**[425]

Loving someone is easy when the other person does not challenge our affections by failing or offending. **Love's** quality becomes really evident when **it** must endure trials. The B'rit Chadashah encourages us to **endure** in our walk with **the Lord**. **Here is how we know that we love God's children: when we love God, we also do what He commands. For loving God means obeying his commands. Moreover, his commands are not burdensome, because everyone born of**

God overcomes the world. And this is what victoriously overcomes the world: our trust. Who overcomes the world if not the person who believes that Yeshua is the Son of God (First John 5:2-5)? Here, **Paul** specifically had in mind the need to persevere in **love** for others. **Messiah's endurance** of **love** on our behalf is our example.[426]

In saying **love believes all things** and **love hopes all things**, **Paul** does not mean that **love** always believes the best about everything and everyone, but that **love** never ceases to trust **God**, and thus, leaves justice in **His** hands. It is in this sense that it never loses **hope** – that **God's** justice in the context of **God's** goodness will yet prevail where there is human fallenness, even wickedness. This is why **love** can **endure**. The life that is so touched by the never-ceasing **love** of **God in Messiah (Romans 8:39)** is in turn enabled by **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh** to **love** others in the same way. It **trusts God** on behalf of the one **loved**, **hopes** to the end that **God** will show mercy in that person's behalf.[427]

Love covers what otherwise is unbearable; **love believes** what is otherwise unbelievable; **love hopes** in what otherwise is hopeless; and **it endures** when anything less than **love** would give up. After **love covers, it believes**. After **it believes, it hopes.** After **it hopes, it endures**.[428] **Love is enduring,** and what **it produces** will **endure.**

*Dear Heavenly **Father**, meditating on **Your** wonderful **love** brings such peace. Things in this world may seem to swirl out of control but **You** are sovereign and **Almighty**. It is such a joy that **You** walk with me – ahead of me, behind me and alongside me. **Whenever I sit down or stand up, You know it. You discern my thinking from afar. You observe my journeying and my resting and You are familiar with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, ADONAI, You know all about it (Psalms 139:2-4).** It is a comfort to know that everywhere I go – **You**, with **Your** great **love**, are already there to protect and to guide me. I want to live my life so all that I do pleases **You**. Sometimes life is hard but it will be over soon and then an eternity of living in your wonderful **love** in heaven. **For I consider the sufferings of this present time not worthy to be compared with the coming glory to be revealed to us (Romans 8:18).** I live with my eyes focused on **Your love** and on soon being in heaven. Thank you for being such a wonderful and **loving Father**! In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*