

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY:
The Joy of Love – I Cor 13:6

Love Finds No Joy in Anything That Breaks God's Heart – Gen 6:6; Eph 4:30; Lk 19:41

- For anything to be a cause for joy, it must be righteous and truthful – I Cor 13:6
...God's love keeps us rooted and grounded in Reality – Eph 3:17-19
- Righteousness and truth are God's gifts to navigate our "unright" and "unreal" world – Jo 14:6
...in Christ we have a personal connection and communion with righteousness and truth – Col 1:27

Love Finds No Joy in Unrighteousness – I Cor 13:6; Ps 92:15; Jo 7:18

- We cannot rejoice in what God "hates" – Heb 1:9
...unrighteousness is not breaking rules, but what breaks God's heart – Gen 6:6; Eph 4:30; Lk 19:41
...we do not ask, "Is it illegal?", but, "Is it loving?" – II Cor 5:14
- Love is never in league with the devil – Ez 28:15-18

Love Finds the Fullness of Joy in the Truth – I Cor 13:6; I Jo 1:1-4

- Loving truth sets captives free – Jo 8:32
...truth is what Gods says – Jo 17:17
...we find no joy in what is incongruent with Christ – Col 3:17
- We cannot love without reference to the truth – Eph 4:15
...we cannot stand for truth in an unloving fashion – Eph 4:15
...we came under the will of another through our freedom to choose – Ro 6:16-19

The More Excellent Way Is the Way of Righteous and Truthful Love

- Who ...loves us enough to judge unrighteousness as unholy and deadly – Ro 3:23
...loves us enough to tell us the truth – Eph 4:15
...invites us into the joy of righteous and truthful love – Lk 15:10