

## Love & Confrontation Galatians 4:12-20

*A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.*  
- Proverbs 15:1

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* - John 1:14

**V.12:** Love is more concerned with \_\_\_\_\_ is right than \_\_\_\_\_ right.

*And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

**V.13:** Because God works good in all things (Cf. Romans 8:28), the believer's unwanted \_\_\_\_\_ become divine \_\_\_\_\_.

*Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.* - Proverbs 27:6

**V.16:** Love \_\_\_\_\_, even at the risk of being viewed as an "enemy".

*And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.* - Ephesians 4:30

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"* - Luke 13:34 (Jesus speaking)

Love is \_\_\_\_\_ when someone chooses a path that leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

Love is willing to lay down its \_\_\_\_\_ for the person it \_\_\_\_\_.

*O Israel, return to the Lord your God, for you have stumbled because of your iniquity; take words with you, and return to the Lord. Say to Him, "Take away all iniquity; receive us graciously, for we will offer the sacrifices of our lips."* - Hosea 14:1-2

Love \_\_\_\_\_ welcomes repentance.

**V.17:** The driving force behind the "Jesus and \_\_\_\_\_" Gospel is man's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked...*  
- Jeremiah 17:9

**V.19:** Love doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ easily.