

What Makes Love Sparkle?

Whoever does not love does not know God,
because **God is love.**

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in him. 1 John 4:8 & 16

Describing God:

*For the word of the LORD is right and true; He is **faithful** in all He does. The LORD loves **righteousness and justice**; the earth is full of His unfailing love.* Psalm 33:4-5

*Your **love**, O LORD, reaches to the heavens, your **faithfulness** to the skies. Your **righteousness** is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep. O LORD, you preserve both man and beast.* Psalm 36:5-6

*Is your **love** declared in the grave, your **faithfulness** in Destruction? Are your wonders known in the place of darkness, or your **righteous** deeds in the land of oblivion?* Psalm 88:11-12

*I know, O LORD, that your laws are **righteous**, and in **faithfulness** you have afflicted me. May your unfailing love be my comfort, according to your promise to your servant.* Psalm 119:75-76

Faithful / true **Righteousness** / justice **Love** / grace

In the Hebrew, all three of these words are _____.

Three Dimensions of God's Love:

F _____ 1 Cor. 13:7

F _____ 1 Cor. 13:4-5

F _____
1 Cor. 13:5-6

Disappointing Results

Faithful

Truth (*dependability*) by itself doesn't touch the _____.
1 Cor. 13:1

Fairness

Justice (*goodness*) by itself doesn't _____ anything.
1 Cor. 13:2

Forgiveness

Grace (*acceptance*) by itself doesn't provide _____.
1 Cor. 13:3

Something Still Missing

Fairness and Forgiveness alone still leave room
for _____.

...When he (the devil) lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44

Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; ... Psalm 51:6

Fairness and Faithfulness alone provide
no _____.

The wicked ... his neighbor gets no mercy from him. Prov. 21:10

... 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' ... Matthew 12:7

Faithfulness and Forgiveness alone permit
_____ behavior.

... The LORD looked and was displeased that there was no justice. Isaiah 59:15

Woe to you ... you neglect justice and the love of God. ...
Luke 11:42

Optional Readings: Look for dimensions of love [3 Fs]

Romans 14-15 **1 Corinthians** 13 **Philemon** 1
1 John 1-5 **1 Peter** 1-5