

In this article, we will see how love for Jehovah, love for our fellow believers, and even love for our enemies help us to endure the world's hatred. We will also see why Jesus said that we can be happy when we are hated.

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Paragraph 1

(Matthew 24:9) “Then people will hand you over to tribulation and will kill you, and you will be hated by all the nations on account of my name.

Paragraph 2

(John 15:17-19) “These things I command you, that you love one another. 18 If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before it hated you. 19 If you were part of the world, the world would be fond of what is its own. Now because you are no part of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you.

(Genesis 3:1-5) Now the serpent was the most cautious of all the wild animals of the field that Jehovah God had made. So it said to the woman: “Did God really say that you must not eat from every tree of the garden?” 2 At this the woman said to the serpent: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. 3 But God has said about the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden: ‘You must not eat from it, no, you must not touch it; otherwise you will die.’” 4 At this the serpent said to the woman: “You certainly will not die. 5 For God knows that in the very day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like God, knowing good and bad.”

(Genesis 3:15) And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring. He will crush your head, and you will strike him in the heel.”

(Daniel 2:44) “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed. And this kingdom will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it alone will stand forever,

(Revelation 19:19-21) And I saw the wild beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to wage war against the one seated on the horse and against his army. 20 And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who worship its image. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulfur. 21 But the rest were killed off with the long sword that proceeded out of the mouth of the one seated on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

(Psalm 37:10, 11) Just a little while longer, and the wicked will be no more; You will look at where they were, And they will not be there. 11 But the meek will possess the earth, And they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace.

Paragraph 3

(Jude 7) In the same manner, Sod'om and Go-mor'rah and the cities around them also gave themselves over to gross sexual immorality and pursued unnatural fleshly desires; they are placed before us as a warning example by undergoing the judicial punishment of everlasting fire.

(1 Peter 4:3, 4) For the time that has passed by is sufficient for you to have done the will of the nations when you carried on in acts of brazen conduct, unbridled passions, overdrinking, wild parties, drinking bouts, and lawless idolatries. 4 They are puzzled that you do not continue running with them in the same decadent course of debauchery, so they speak abusively of you.

Paragraph 4

(Ephesians 6:16) Besides all of this, take up the large shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the wicked one's burning arrows.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-7) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up, 5 does not behave indecently, does not look for its own interests, does not become provoked. It does not keep account of the injury. 6 It does not rejoice over unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(1 Corinthians 13:13) Now, however, these three remain: faith, hope, love; but the greatest of these is love.

Paragraph 5

(John 14:31) But for the world to know that I love the Father, I am doing just as the Father has commanded me to do. Get up, let us go from here.

Paragraph 6

(Acts 5:29) In answer Peter and the other apostles said: “We must obey God as ruler rather than men.

(1 John 5:3) For this is what the love of God means, that we observe his commandments;

and yet his commandments are not burdensome,

(Acts 5:41) So they went out from before the San'he-drin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be dishonored in behalf of his name.

(Romans 5:3-5) Not only that, but let us rejoice while in tribulations, since we know that tribulation produces endurance; 4 endurance, in turn, an approved condition; the approved condition, in turn, hope, 5 and the hope does not lead to disappointment; because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy spirit, which was given to us.

Paragraph 7

(Mark 3:21) But when his relatives heard about it, they went out to seize him, for they were saying: “He has gone out of his mind.”

(Matthew 10:36) Indeed, a man's enemies will be those of his own household.

(Matthew 22:37-39) He said to him: “You must love Jehovah your God with your whole heart and with your whole soul and with your whole mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 The second, like it, is this: ‘You must love your neighbor as yourself.’

Paragraph 10

(Romans 8:38, 39) For I am convinced that neither death nor life nor angels nor governments nor things now here nor things to come nor powers 39 nor height nor depth nor any other creation will be able to separate us from God's love that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Paragraph 11

(John 15:12, 13) This is my commandment, that you love one another just as I have loved you. 13 No one has love greater than this, that someone should surrender his life in behalf of his friends.

(1 Thessalonians 1:3) for we continually remember your faithful work, your loving labor, and your endurance because of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.

(1 Thessalonians 1:6, 7) And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, seeing that you accepted the word under much tribulation with joy of holy spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Mac·e·do·ni·a and in A·cha'ia.

(1 Thessalonians 4:9, 10) However, concerning brotherly love, you do not need us to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. 10 In fact, you are doing so toward all the brothers in all of Mac·e·do·ni·a. But we urge you, brothers, to go on doing so in fuller measure.

(1 Thessalonians 5:14) On the other hand, we urge you, brothers, to warn the disorderly, speak consolingly to those who are depressed, support the weak, be patient toward all.

(2 Thessalonians 1:3-5) We are obligated always to give thanks to God for you, brothers. This is fitting, because your faith is growing exceedingly and the love of each and every one of you is increasing toward one another. 4 As a result we ourselves take pride in you among the congregations of God because of your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and the hardships that you are suffering. 5 This is a proof of the righteous judgment of God, leading

to your being counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, for which you are indeed suffering.

Paragraph 13

(Matthew 5:44, 45) However, I say to you: Continue to love your enemies and to pray for those who persecute you, 45 so that you may prove yourselves sons of your Father who is in the heavens, since he makes his sun rise on both the wicked and the good and makes it rain on both the righteous and the unrighteous.

(Galatians 5:22, 23) On the other hand, the fruitage of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 mildness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

(Luke 11:13) Therefore, if you, although being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more so will the Father in heaven give holy spirit to those asking him!"

(Proverbs 3:5-7) Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, And do not rely on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways take notice of him, And he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not become wise in your own eyes. Fear Jehovah and turn away from bad.

Paragraph 15

(Romans 12:17-21) Return evil for evil to no one. Take into consideration what is fine from the viewpoint of all men. 18 If possible, as far as it depends on you, be peaceable with all men. 19 Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but yield place to the wrath; for it is written: “‘Vengeance is mine; I will repay,’ says Jehovah.” 20 But “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by doing this you will heap fiery coals on his head.” 21 Do not let yourself be conquered by the evil, but keep conquering the evil with the good.

Paragraph 17

(1 Corinthians 13:4) Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous. It does not brag, does not get puffed up,

(1 Corinthians 13:7) It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Paragraph 18

(Luke 6:22) “Happy are you whenever men hate you, and when they exclude you and reproach you and denounce your name as wicked for the sake of the Son of man.

(1 Peter 4:13, 14) On the contrary, go on rejoicing over the extent to which you are sharers in the sufferings of the Christ, so that you may rejoice and be overjoyed also during the revelation of his glory. 14 If you are being reproached for the name of Christ, you are happy, because the spirit of glory, yes, the spirit of God, is resting upon you.

(1 Peter 1:7) in order that the tested quality of your faith, of much greater value than gold that perishes despite its being tested by fire, may be found a cause for praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

(Romans 2:6, 7) And he will pay back to each one according to his works: 7 everlasting life to those who are seeking glory and honor and incorruptibleness by endurance in work that is good;

Paragraph 19

(Acts 5:40-42) At this they took his advice, and they summoned the apostles, flogged them, and ordered them to stop speaking on the basis of Jesus’ name, and let them go. 41 So they went out from before the San’he·drin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy to be

dishonored in behalf of his name. 42 And every day in the temple and from house to house they continued without letup teaching and declaring the good news about the Christ, Jesus.

(Hebrews 6:10) For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name by ministering and continuing to minister to the holy ones.

Paragraph 20

(John 15:19) If you were part of the world, the world would be fond of what is its own. Now because you are no part of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, for this reason the world hates you.

(2 Thessalonians 3:3) But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the wicked one.