# The Way of Love 1 Cor. 13:1-13

January A More Excellent Way

February Without Love I Am Nothing

March Love Is Patient

April Love Is Kind and Does Not Envy

May Love Is Not Boastful or Arrogant

June Love Is Not Rude

July Love Is Not Self-Seeking or Irritable

August Love Does Not Keep a Record of Wrongs

September Love Finds No Joy in Unrighteousness but Rejoices with Truth

October Love Bears and Believes All Things

November Love Hopes and Endures All Things

December Love Never Ends

#### God's Love Shines Forth

- When we think of God in the Old Testament, we often tend to think of God's wrath on disobedient Israel.
- This is a message that comes through in Numbers, and in several of the prophets.
- There is another theme, however, that is pervasive in the Old Testament Scriptures: God's love.



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#### God's Love Shines Forth

- God's love was something that His faithful people never doubted.
- It is a message that is very painfully taught by the life of the prophet Hosea.

## The Coming of Christ

- The is the backdrop to Jesus coming into our world.
- The God who at every turn was betrayed by His people, still comes to His people in loving selfsacrifice.
- Just as God was betrayed countless times by His own people, Jesus comes, loving those who rejected Him.

## The Coming of Christ

- Even to His disciples, who disappointed Him continually, He demonstrated His love, over and over again.
- On the last night of His life, He left His disciples with these words, "As I have loved you, so you also are to love one another" (John 13:34; 15:12).

## The Danger of Ephesus

- Paul wrote about the importance of the sacrificial love for others that we must have to the church in Corinth, and it is obvious why (chapter 1).
- It is interesting that another congregation that Paul spent a lot of time with also had problems with love.

## The Danger of Ephesus

- Out of all of the seven churches of Asia in Revelation, Ephesus is the only one that Jesus says is in danger of having its lamp stand removed from His presence.
- This is why Paul says what he says in 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.