

Study Guide for Practical Religion by J.C. Ryle

Chapter 7 Charity / Love

Which word do you prefer, love or charity, why?

- I. What place does the Bible give to charity, love? How does Ryle demonstrate this?
- II. What is charity / what is love?
 - (a) Is it giving to the poor?
 - (b) Is it never disapproving of a person's conduct?
 - (c) Is it never disapproving of a person's religious beliefs?

"Love is a fruit of the Spirit", what does this statement tell us about love?

How are we to love God?

How are we to love our neighbor?

How should love show itself?

Kind acts to _____

Readiness to bear _____

In the general _____ and _____ of the believer

Where do we find the best example of love / charity? What do we learn from this Example, what are some of the things?

Where is charity / love sadly lacking?

- III. Where does the kind of charity, love spoken of in the Bible come from?
Does it come naturally?

Where are loving, perfect people found without Christianity, without God's Spirit?

- IV. How is charity / love the greatest of graces?

(a)

(b)

(c)

What questions should we ask ourselves about love or charity?

What two things can we do to increase charity / love?