

Bible Verses

This list of Bible verses for wedding ceremonies are from wedding books and websites. The most common passage used at weddings is from *1st Corinthians*, Chapter 13, Verses 4 to 13. Nine different versions of *1st Corinthians* are shown in this section.

A List of Bible Passages

Colossians 3: 12-17	Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
1 Corinthians 13: 4-13	Love is patient, love is kind.
Ecclesiastes 3: 9-14	What does the worker gain from his toil?
Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12	Two are better than one.
Ephesians 3: 14-21	Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.
Ephesians 5: 21-33	Wives submit to your husbands.
Genesis 1: 26-31	God made man in his image.
Genesis 2: 18-25	The Lord took Adam's rib and made Eve.
Isaiah 63: 7-9	I will tell of the loving kindness of God.
John 2: 1-11	The wedding at Cana.
1 John 3: 18-24	Love in deeds and truth.
Jude 20-21	Build your lives on a foundation of faith.
Lamentations 3: 22-33	The Lord is good to those who wait for Him.
Matthew 5: 2-4	Blessed are the poor in spirit.
Matthew 19: 4-6	What God has joined, let no man put asunder.
Matthew 22: 35-40	Love your neighbor as yourself.
Philippians 2: 1-11	We are brothers in the Lord.
Proverbs 3: 1-10	Be truthful and kind.
Proverbs 3: 13-20	The man who knows right from wrong.
Proverbs 17: 6	Grandchildren are a crowning glory.
Proverbs 17: 22	A cheerful heart does good.
Proverbs 18: 22	The man who finds a wife.
Proverbs 31: 10	A good wife is worth more than precious gems.
Psalms 23	The Lord is my Shepherd.
Psalms 33	Play joyous melodies of praise to the Lord.
Psalms 37	Trust in the Lord and do good.
Psalms 67	May God be gracious to us and bless us.
Psalms 96	O sing unto the Lord a new song.

Psalm 100	Make a joyful shout to the Lord.
Psalm 117	Praise the Lord.
Psalm 127	The Lord builds the house or you labor in vain.
Psalm 128	Blessings on all who revere the Lord.
Psalm 136	Give thanks to the Lord.
Psalm 150	Hallelujah! Yes, praise the Lord.
Romans 12: 1-8	Give yourselves to God.
Romans 12: 9-21	Love must be sincere.
Ruth 1: 16-17	Whither thou goest so goest I.
Song of Songs 2: 10-13	Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
Song of Songs 8: 6-7	Many waters cannot Quench the flame of love.
1 Timothy 6: 12-14	Fight on for God.

Internet Bible Sites

There are many different published Bibles and many versions of each passage. Some are in modern English and some in 16th Century English. You can consult your Bible or go on the Internet to one of the Bible websites listed below to download the wording you prefer. Then include the wording you want with your ceremony selections.

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www.info.com/Bible

BibleGateway.com: A searchable online Bible in over 35 languages.
www.biblegateway.com

Bible.com - The Bible Online, Bible Prayer Room, Christian, etc.
www.bible.com

Blue Letter Bible - Searchable Bible by verse or keyword. Several English translations, plus the Vulgate.
www.blueletterbible.org

NET Bible - new Bible translation.
www.bible.org

World Wide Study Bible - Offers ten online Bible versions that are listed by book and chapter. Also has a collection of Bible related resources organized by scripture reference.

www.ccel.org/wwsb

Bible: King James Version - Includes deuterocanonical books. Allows browsing, with each book in its own file. Also allows word, phrase, proximity, and citation searches.

www.hti.umich.edu/k/kjv

Web Bible Network [WebBible.net] (extensive Bible study tools) - a Complete Bible online, cross-referenced with detailed answers to relevant questions, searchable, with access to various translations.

www.christiananswers.net/bible

The Brick Testament - Selected Bible passages illustrated with Lego blocks. Include Lego in your wedding?

www.thebricktestament.com

1. 1st Corinthians

Reading

A reading from First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verses 4 to 13.

Or

The Bride and Groom have asked (*name*) to read from First Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verses 4 to 13.

First Corinthians

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends; as for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For our

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knowledge is imperfect and our prophecy is imperfect; but when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall understand fully, even as I have been fully understood. So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

First Corinthians

2. Another version

First Corinthians

Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

First Corinthians

3. Another version

First Corinthians

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

First Corinthians

4. Another version

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What if I gave away all that I owned
 And let myself be buried alive?
 I would gain nothing, unless I loved others.

Love is kind and patient
 Never jealous, boastful, proud or rude.
 Love isn't selfish or quick tempered.
 It doesn't keep a record of wrongs that others do.
 Love rejoices in the truth, but not in evil.
 Love is always supportive, loyal, helpful and trusting.
 Love never fails!

When we were children,
 We thought and reasoned as children do.
 But when we grew up, we quit our childish ways.
 Now all we can see of God
 is like a cloudy picture in the mirror.
 Later, we will see him face to face.
 We don't know everything, but then we will,
 Just as God completely understands us.

For now, there are Faith, Hope, and Love.
 But of these three, the greatest is Love.

First Corinthians

5. Another version

First Corinthians

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal crashing.

If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all.

If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient, and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; It is never rude or selfish; it does not take offense, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end.

First Corinthians

6. Still yet another version.

Reading

In the Bible, Paul wrote beautifully about the power of love. (*name*), will now share a reading from the 1st *Book of Letters to the Corinthians*, Chapter 13.

First Corinthians

If I could speak all the languages of earth and of angels, but didn't love others, I would only be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I understood all of God's secret plans and possessed all knowledge, and if I had such faith that I could move mountains, but didn't love others, I would be nothing.

If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing.

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Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous, or boastful, or proud, or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when full understanding comes, these partial things will become useless.

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a cloudy mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.

Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love - and the greatest of these is love.

1st Corinthians

7. And also another version – with modern language.

Reading

A reading from *First Corinthians*, Chapter 13, Versus 4 to 13.

First Corinthians

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

Prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will become useless. But love will last forever! Now our knowledge is partial and incomplete, and even the gift of prophecy reveals only part of the whole picture! But when the time of perfection comes, these partial things will become useless.

When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child. But when I grow up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely. Three things will last forever – faith, hope and love – and the greatest of these is love.

First Corinthians

8. Excerpts from the J. B. Philips' Paraphrase

1st Corinthians 13

If I speak with the eloquence of men and of angels, but have no love, I have become no more than blaring brass, or crashing cymbal.

If I have the gift of foretelling the future, and hold in my mind not only all human knowledge, but [even] the very secrets of God, and if I also have that absolute faith which can move mountains, but have no love, I amount to nothing at all.

If I dispose of all that I possess - but have no love, I achieve precisely nothing. This love of which I speak is slow to lose patience - it looks for a way of being constructive. It is not possessive: it is neither anxious to impress, nor does it cherish inflated ideas of its own importance. Love has good manners, and does not pursue selfish advantage. It is not touchy. It does not keep account of evil, or gloat over the wickedness of other people. On the contrary, it shares the joy of those who live by the truth.

Love knows no limit to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading

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of its hope; it can outlast anything. Love never fails - In this life we have three lasting qualities - faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Excerpts from the J. B. Philips' Paraphrase

9. A Short Modern Version

Reading

A reading from 1st Corinthians.

1st Corinthians 13

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud. Love is never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand it's own way. Love is not irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong. Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs. You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.

1st Corinthians

10. Getting Bored with 1st Corinthians? How about something from Colossians?

Colossians 3, Verses 12-17 - English Standard Version (ESV)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts

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to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3