

How does love cover a multitude of someone's sins?

1 Pet 4:8 **Above all things have fervent (Strong's: unending) love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins. (Only God is unending love - Jer 31:3) How?**

1 Jo 3:16 **By this we know love, because He (Christ) laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren (only Christ in us does this).**

Eph 3:17 That Christ (God's living word) may live in your hearts by faith; so that you, are rooted and grounded in love (for Christ to love through us we must be in Him).

Rom 8:39 **...The love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord** (when am I in Christ?).

Rom 8:1 **...Those who are in Christ Jesus...who live according to the Holy Spirit**.

As my will submits to the Holy Spirit I love others with Christ's love, and cover their sins:

1. In Christ, I always forgive and cover sins, in the person of Christ, so God forgives them

Jo 20:23 **Now having received the Holy Spirit, and being led and directed by Him, AMP if you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of anyone, they are retained** (so, whom I forgive, in God, God has forgiven).

2 Cor 2:10 (Paul) **...I have forgiven in the presence of (KJV) in the person of Christ**.

2. In Christ, love doesn't expose someone's sins and so covers, hides them from others.

Pro 10:12 **Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins** (by hiding them from others).

Pro 17:9 **Those who cover a transgression preserve love, but those who repeat a matter separate close friends** (to cover is to not gossip about another's sin).

3. In Christ, love doesn't keep a record of others' sins but chooses not to remember them

1 Cor 13:5 **Love does not keep a record of wrongs** (nor keeps bringing them up); TEV

Heb 10:17 (God) **their sins...I will remember no more** (as I live in and by Him, so can I).

4. Love prays for the person who sinned and believes God to instantly revive them to Him

1 Jo 5:16 **If anyone sees a Christian sinning a sin which does not lead to death** (an unpardonable sin) **they will ask** (in faith) **and He (God) will give them life** (to revive with God's life) **for those who sin not leading to** (permanent) **death...**

5. Love turns a person back from their sins, and so covers up, hides their sins from Satan

Jam 5:19-20 **Brethren, if anyone among you** (a Christian) **wanders from the truth and someone turns him back...they will save a soul from death and cover up a multitude of sins** (from Satan, for whoever sins belongs to the devil - 1 Jo 3:8 TLB).

We cannot love one another this way unless we are in continuous submission to God, for:

1 Jo 4:7-8 **Love is from God...all who love** (currently) **know God...because God is love**.