

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"Permanence Of Love"
1 Corinthians 13:8-13
Part-23

1 John 4:7-8

1 Corinthians 12 Purpose For The Gifts.

1 Corinthians 14 Perversion Of Gifts.

1 Corinthians 13 speaks about love because the gifts are to be operated in love.

1-3 The Priority of love over everything else;

4-7 The Personality of love (in a very straight forward and helpful way).

8-13 The Permanence of love, the enduring quality of it.

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Love Must Be Our Priority Because All That We See Will End, Except For God's Love."

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| 1. Verse 8 | Gifts Are Temporary |
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1. Verse 8 Gifts Are Temporary

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails;

Paul left off in **Verses 1-3 The Priority Of Love:**

Love is better than **talk.**

Love is better than **knowledge.**

Love is better than **faith,**

Love is better than **sacrifice.**

Love is better than **martyrdom.**

Verses 4-8 The Personality Of Love: Paul Gave 16 Properties of Love:

#16 Love never fails; *In all circumstances and human relationships, when in doubt." Love is never wrong, it's always right to love. Love will always triumph.*

Love – is *God's Agape Love* - Divine - Unconditional - Loves for no reason - love exists to demonstrate, it's a choice! **John 3:16**

Divine love, Spiritual, plane - experienced only by believers.

It is not based on performance, Excellency, true worth, but a love that is a deliberate choice - made without assignable cause save that which lies in the nature of God Himself.

3 Things Paul says will not last:

- 1. Prophecy - Done Away: but if there are gifts of prophecy,**
The term -**prophecy** – *"telling the whole counsel of God - proclaiming the Word of God! Giving the message of God."*

"The gift of unveiling the mysteries of God, making known to man the mysteries about humanity and society that are revealed in the Scripture which the secular world can never discover. It is not the gift of predicting the future so much as revealing the meaning of the present, and, therefore, of the future."

1 Corinthians 14:3 Edification, (Build up) **Exhortation,** (Encourage) **Consolation** (Console) More the heart and the will.

they will be done away; *"to make useless."*

- 2. Tongues - They Will Cease: if there are tongues, they will cease;**
That this gift was used to exalt the Lord. **Acts 2:11 speaking of the mighty deeds of God."**

- 3. Knowledge – Done Away: if there is knowledge, it will be done away.**

The gift of **knowledge** - *"is the ability to grasp a great range of Biblical truth, to arrange it, and to know it."*

1 John 3:1-3

Life is all about investments! What we invest our lives in will determine what dividends we will have in the future.

2. Verse 9 Gifts Are Partial

1 Corinthians 13:9 Partial Versus Perfect.

Notice - **For we know in part, and we prophesy in part;**

For we know in part, - what we presently know and that which has been revealed to us is only at best limited. **Deuteronomy 29:29**

and we prophesy in part; When a person speaks forth the Word of God to others, they don't fully know what the ultimate fulfillment may be.

1 Peter 1:10-12; Hebrews 1:1

The Bible was written by about 40 different men during a span of about 1,500 years.

Hebrews 1:2 in these last days has spoken to us in His Son,

3. Verse 10 Gifts Will End

1 Corinthians 13:10 but when the perfect comes,
What does this mean? **There are two views regarding this.**

1. The Perfect Is The Coming Of Jesus Christ:

2. The Perfect Is The Completion Of Divine Revelation, The Scriptures: The Last Book Of The Bible, Being The Revelation By John.

the partial will be done away.

This is just what he said, prophecy and knowledge.

4. Verse 11 Gifts Are Infantile

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child,
Paul now uses the illustration of the gifts in light of complete and perfection of God.

I used to speak like a child, (Tongues)

think like a child, (Knowledge)

reason like a child; (Wisdom)

when I became a man, I did away with childish things.

As we mature, we begin to see that the thinking we had as a child was very immature.

5. Verse 12 Knowledge Progressive

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly,
In Paul's day, the mirrors were polished metal. That as good as it got, it was blurry.

but then face to face;

When you are able to see face to face, that is the clearest.

We can look into the mirror of Scripture, and we can get a glimpse of what we were meant to be. Scripture is as close as we can get to Him.

James 1:23-25

Relationship with Jesus and Scripture is the key to seeing God and see ourselves as we really are.

now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

That in the future, I will see things clearly, and I will understand what God's plan was and what God had in mind when things happened.

John 16:7

6. Verse 13 Love Is Eternal

1 Corinthians 13:13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three;

These Triplicates are mentioned many times in Scripture.

Colossians 1:4-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:8

But now faith,

It is trusting God without seeing; one day, faith will become sight, so it will not be needed any longer.

hope, - Is looking to God for the future; will become reality **Romans 5:5**

love, abide these three; Love will outlast them all.

but the greatest of these is love. Love shall go on for eternity. It is the new nature to love.

1 John 4:7-8

Application:

1. The Gifts Of The Spirit, In Contrast To God's Love, Are Temporary, Being For Life Here And Now. The Gifts Of The Spirit Are Also Partial. We Can Know Only In Part And Prophecy Only In Part.
2. The Gifts Are Being Used By God To Bring The Church To Maturity. The Gifts Will Come To An End When Jesus Christ Returns, And We Are Then Conformed Into His Image.
3. God's Love Supersedes All The Gifts Of The Spirit. Now Faith, Hope, Love, Abide These Three; But The Greatest Of These Is Love.