

## Love

**Concept development:** Christianity – showing love

### **Body:**

A more excellent way

The Corinthians exalted and praised the spiritual gifts above all other things

Paul is telling them that faith; hope and love are greater things to have

The gifts without love

Speak in the tongues of men or angels

Prophecy

Know all mysteries

Have all knowledge

Faith to move mountains

Great deeds without love

Give all of my goods to feed the poor

Give my body to be burned

Without love these things are of no profit

A proper love will

Suffer long – protracted endurance of wrong without resentment [1 Peter 2:23]

Be kind – kind to those that do evil, not sour, harsh or ill natured

Envieth not – not mortified, discontent or uneasy at another's good fortune

In health, happiness or prosperity

Vaunteth not itself – thrust our selves forward nor rush to the high and important seats

Not puffed up – does not have an inflated opinion of yourself, an aversion from a showy front

Behave seemly – defer to the wishes and rights of others

Seek not its own – selfish desires and ends but seek the good and happiness of others

Not provoked – to take offense, to anger or exasperation [serious, calm and patient]

Takes no account of evil – puts the worst construction on the actions of others or suspicious

Rejoices not in unrighteousness – the wrong doings of others

Rejoices in truth – the right doing of others

Bears all things – will cover the sins of others; ill uses or injury

Believes all things – believes in the good of others and not the evil spoken of

Hopes all things – desires the best outcome in times of trouble for others, sinner to repent

Endures all things – the wrongs and injuries of the wicked

Love never fails – it will never end; there will always be love

Spiritual gifts will fail or cease

To confirm the word

To know what God's will for man

To live by spiritual gifts

As a child that grows into a man

To know in part or to know the whole

See in a dark mirror (riddle)

We live by the bible

That which is perfect is come

Faith in God and His promises

Hope to receive the rewards promised

Love will outlast them all

**CLASS: SR. HIGH**  
**TEXT: 1 COR. 13**

**DATE: 2002**  
**TEACHER:**

**LESSON 5**  
**MEMORY VERSE: PROV. 18:10**

### **QUESTIONS**

1. – What spiritual gift did the Corinthians view as the greatest gift?
2. – What was the purpose of spiritual gifts?
3. – What was going to happen to spiritual gifts?
4. – How important is love to the Christian?
5. – What are some of the characteristics of love mentioned in this chapter?
6. – What does “vaunteth not” and “puffed up” mean?
7. – In verse 10 it says, “that which is perfect is come”; what is the “perfect”?
8. – How long will love last?
9. – What “bears all things, believes all things”?
10. – Which is the greatest—faith, hope, or love? Why?

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ABC REFERENCE: XI-5

## A VERSE TO REMEMBER:

“But when that which is perfect has come,  
that which is in part will be done away”  
1 Corinthians 13:10

## KEY READINGS:

1 Cor 13:1-13	1 Cor 12:31	1 Cor 14:1
1 Cor 16:14	1 Timothy 4:12	2 Timothy 2:22
1 Peter 4:8	1 Peter 5:14	2 Peter 1:5-8

## QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

- The early church (in the time of Paul) needed “spiritual gifts” to learn, grow and know that the words spoken were from God (T or F).
- List some of the “spiritual gifts” that are mentioned in 1 Corinthians 13.  
*tongues, prophecy, knowledge*
- What does it mean to speak in “tongues”?  
*the ability to speak in another language - see Acts 2*
- It would be possible for a Christian to have a lot of pride because of their “spiritual gifts” (T or F).
- The word “love” in 1 Corinthians 13 means affection, brotherly love, good will, or affection (T or F)
- What does Paul mean when he says without love, “I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal”?  
*just a noise - no value or melody -*
- List some of the great things a follower of God could do, but are meaningless without love.  
  - remove mountains*
  - give everything to feed the poor*
  - give body to be burned*
- Love suffers long  
and is kind;  
Love does not envy;  
Love does not pride itself,  
is not puffed up

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9. When a follower of God behaves rudely, love and respect for the feelings of others is being shown (T or F)
10. Followers of God should always "look out for number one" and seek for our own best interest (T or F)
11. How should you act when provoked (taunted) by others? *don't allow it! don't get angry, rise above it.*
12. How is it that a person with love "thinks no evil"? *doesn't think the worst about someone, but thinks the best*
13. Should we be happy when we see others do wrong and get caught? Why or why not? *No, if we have kind affection toward someone, we don't want them to do wrong.*
14. What makes a follower of God with love in their heart rejoice? *the truth*
15. Love
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| <u>bears</u>    | all things, |
| <u>believes</u> | all things, |
| <u>hopes</u>    | all things, |
| <u>endures</u>  | all things. |
16. Love never fails.
17. List some of the "spiritual gifts" that would end. *prophecies, tongues, knowledge*
18. For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
19. Why did the early Christians need both existing knowledge (for example, Paul's letters) and to prophesy? (Hint – did the early Christians have the Bible as we have it today?) *They did not have the complete revelation of God.*
20. What is the meaning of the word "perfect" in the context of 1 Cor 13:10? *complete*
21. What is it that will be "done away" with in 1 Cor 13:10? (Hint – what is the "part" that no longer exists in the church today?) *spiritual gifts*
22. Which is the greatest – faith, hope or love? Why? *faith and hope both have an end, but love will go into*

**Thought Question** – The word "love" in 1 Corinthians 13 is from the Greek word "agape" which means "affection, brotherly love, good will, benevolence". Why do you think this type of love is so important in the church?

- It's important to keep unity
- It's important for wanting teach others about God.

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## SONGS TO SING:

- Love One Another (Angry Words)
- How Sweet, How Heavenly
- Blest Be The Tie

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUNG MEN:

- *Sunday Morning* – Lead a prayer at the beginning of class
- *Sunday Morning* – Lead the class in a formal Bible reading (selected from the “Key Readings”)
- *Wednesday Night* – Lead a prayer at the beginning of class
- *Wednesday Night* – Lead the class in a formal Bible reading (selected from the “Key Readings”)
- *Wednesday Night* – Lead the class in a song (selected from the “Songs to Sing”)

## SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR YOUNG LADIES:

- *Sunday Morning* – Read a passage for the class (selected from the “Key Readings”)
- *Wednesday Night* – Prepare a report on the definitions of the different Greek words for love such as eros, phileo, storge, agape (Hint - use a Bible dictionary, Vine’s Word Study, biblical encyclopedia, or information in a study Bible)
- *Wednesday Night* – Prepare a report on 2 Peter 1:5-8 and explain how love helps a follower of God bear fruit in God’s kingdom. *Ranely -*

## SOMEONE TO HELP:

If you get stuck with the readings, questions, assignments, reports or anything else – Ask your parents for a little help or call Mark Hope at 513-3494 or Mike Ferrell at 327-9145.