

# GOD IS LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13

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## INTRODUCTION

- 1 John 4:12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.
  - 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.
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## INTRODUCTION

- 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
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## INTRODUCTION

- Read – 1 Corinthians 13
  - 4 sections
    - Verses 1-3
    - Verses 4-7
    - Verses 8-12
    - Verse 13
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- Chapter 13 is placed between two chapters that deal with worship and the gifts of the spirit.
  - Agape Love
    - Love ie. Affection or benevolence
    - A love feast (not love fest) or feast of charity
    - Dear, Love. (The deepest kind of love.)
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- 12:31 But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.
  - 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- 2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- Yes, there are tongues, yes these are valid gifts
  - If you don't have love you have become nothing but a loud noise in a loud noisy room.
    - There is no clarity, no message, no benefit, no edification, just noise.
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## **1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3**

- Yes, there is prophecy – Messages from God
  - Yes, there are words of knowledge – Cut to the heart of issues.
  - Yes, there are gifts of Faith – Moving mountains in the way
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- If you don't have love, you are ineffective, you gain nothing and you are nothing. All this is for nothing.
  - Don't forget why are you have the gifts in the first place.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

- Love in KJV translated to Charity.
  - Verse 3 deals with charity as we know it today.
  - You can have all the charity in the world and even give all you have to the poor even sacrifice your very body, but if you don't have charity in your charity, you gain nothing.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7

- 4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
  - 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;
  - 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;
  - 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 – 16 CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE

- Love is patient
  - Love is kind
  - Love does not envy
  - Love does not boast
  - Love is not arrogant
  - Love does not behave rudely
  - Love is not self-seeking
  - Love is not easily angered
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# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 – 16 CHARACTERISTICS OF LOVE

- Love does not think on evil things
  - Love does not rejoice in evil
  - Love does rejoice in the truth
  - Love bears or suffers all things
  - Love keeps believing
  - Love keeps hoping
  - Love endures or perseveres
  - Love never fails
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-12

8 Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-12

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-12

- “In part” – Mer’os – Strongs Concordance
    - A division or share of something
    - A piece or portion
    - Or some sort
  - What is this all about Children?
    - Paul is NOT saying we no longer seek the gifts that he was describing in chapter 12 and 14
    - Paul is saying don’t pursue these gifts at the expense of Love. Because Love is greater.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-12

- I will know just as I am fully known
    - God knows us intimately
    - We know God in Part
    - We will fully know just as we are fully known
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- The three great pursuits of the Christian life are NOT “miracles, power, and gifts”;
  - The three great pursuits of the Christian life are:
  - Faith, Hope, and Love.
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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

1 Thessalonians 1:3

Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

1 Peter 1:21-22

Who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.

Colossians 1:4-5

Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.

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# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

- But the greatest of these is love.
    - Faith and Hope are no longer needed when we see God face to face.
    - Faith and Hope are not part of God's character.
      - God IS Faithful
      - God DOES give Hope
  - Without love as the motive and goal, the gifts of the spirit are meaningless distractions.
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