

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

What Love Is

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,^[a] but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;^[b] ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ 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. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

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

Sermon Outline

1. What Love Isn't - 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

2. What Love Is - 1 Corinthians 13:4-9

- Love is patient
- Love is kind
- Love is humble
- Love is gracious
- Love is selfless
- Love is forgiving
- Love rejoices with the truth
- Love is steadfast
- Love is eternal

3. Who Love Is - 1 Corinthians 13:10-13

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?

2. According to verses 1-3, why is it possible to do many impressive spiritual things and still fail to please God? What makes love so essential?
3. Which description of love in verses 4-7 stands out to you the most, and why?
4. Pastor Jeremy said that love is patient, kind, humble, gracious, selfless, forgiving, truthful, steadfast, and eternal. Which of these characteristics comes most naturally to you? Which is most difficult?
5. In what ways can pride, selfishness, or the desire to be right keep us from loving others well?
6. Verse 6 says that love "rejoices with the truth." Why is biblical love more than simply being nice or avoiding conflict?
7. Think about a difficult relationship in your life. How would applying one of the characteristics of love from this passage change the way you respond to that person?
8. In verses 10-13, Paul points us toward a future day when we will see Christ face to face. How should that future hope shape the way we love others today?
9. Which description of love in this passage best reminds you of the way Jesus has loved you, and how has that encouraged your faith?
10. Faith, hope, and love remain, but Paul says "the greatest of these is love" (v. 13). What is one specific way God is calling you to love someone this week?