

May 15th, 2022 Sermon Bible Study (Easter 5)

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and know all the mysteries and have all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away everything I own, and if I give up my body that I may be burned but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy. It does not brag. It is not arrogant. ⁵It does not behave indecently. It is not selfish. It is not irritable. It does not keep a record of wrongs. ⁶It does not rejoice over unrighteousness but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never comes to an end. But if there are prophetic gifts, they will be done away with; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be done away with. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, ¹⁰but when that which is complete has come, that which is partial will be done away with. ¹¹When 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 put away childish things. ¹²Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known. ¹³So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.

Theme: All You Need Is Love

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Sermon Study Guide

Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.

- 1. We could have the greatest God given gifts in the world and, without love, find no benefit in them. Why is that?**
- 2. Paul gives a definition of what love is. When you look at this list and compare it with showing love in your own life, what problems arise?**
- 3. Paul says in verse 12, “Now we see indirectly using a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, just as I was fully known.” Even if we may fail in showing love, where is true love fully revealed?**
- 4. “So now these three remain: faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” If the greatest of these is love, how can we use the many God given gifts we have to show love in this world?**