

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 1 CORINTHIANS ***IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS***

Lesson 21 - Love - [1 Corinthians 13:1-13](#)

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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1CO 13:1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1CO 13:4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1CO 13:8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. [12] Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

1CO 13:13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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249. What makes speaking in tongues, faith, generosity, and even martyrdom worthless? ([13:1-3](#))

250. How could a person use spiritual gifts in a useless manner? ([13:1-3](#))

251. What do we gain if we don't have love? ([13:3](#))

252. Why is love important? ([13:3](#))

253. What qualities does love have? ([13:4-8](#))

254. Why will prophecy, tongues, and knowledge pass away? ([13:8-9](#))
255. How will we be different when we see Christ? ([13:10-12](#))
256. What is our spiritual imperfection like? ([13:11](#))
257. How do adults and children act and reason differently? ([13:11](#))
258. How will our knowledge of God change when we see Christ? ([13:12](#))
259. What is the greatest of all gifts? ([13:13](#))
260. Why do you think Paul wrote about love to the Corinthians?
261. How can a person demonstrate love?
262. How did Jesus exemplify love?