

Love 1 Corinthians 13

What is the most famous wedding chapter of the Bible? Love chapter of 1 Corinthians 13

- Did you know that it has nothing to do with our love at marriage or between one another?
- It is all about our love commitment to God!

What does 1 Corinthians 13:1 associate with? Speaking in tongues

- Those tongues may be of human relations like nations
- They may even be pure tongues that angels have, which are?
 - **1 Peter 3:10** For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile
- Though we can speak like this, if it is just information being spewed out without love that God has for souls, we are nothing more than a “sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal”

What does 1 Corinthians 13:2 identify in practice? Gift of prophecy, understanding mysteries, having knowledge of godly things, having great faith to remove even mountains.

- The gift of prophecy, even the true, can be presented without God’s love for souls. It’s informational again.
 - Holding back anything with that gift because one values friendship or judges the reception more than telling it does not have God’s love for that soul
- Understanding difficult aspects of God, the Bible, etc. can be an ego trip if it does not have that love to impart that understanding in God’s manner:
 - **2 Timothy 2:24-26** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all [men], apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And [that] they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
- Having a massive amount of knowledge but not applying it to one’s own life or not caring to share it with others is not having God’s love for souls.
 - Example: **2 Peter 2:20** For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.
- Some have so great of faith that mountains of sin are easily removed from their personal life, but it those sins are only the ones willing to give up, or if those actions do not contain sympathy for the struggling souls that do not have such faith, again, God’s love is lacking
 - And how much faith does it take to remove mountains?
 - **Matthew 17:20** And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.
- And if God’s love is lacking, “I AM NOTHING”

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What does 1 Corinthians 13:3 identify as being practiced? Giving to the poor and sacrificing one's own body

- Without true love of God in the heart, people can give for the wrong motivation
 - **Matthew 6:1-4** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest [thine] alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
- Sacrificing one's own body is martyrdom, which many did at the hands of the Romans (pagan and papal)
 - Some think that martyrdom for God is a sure ticket to Heaven, but without God's love for souls or for Him, it is no different than Muslim bombers that blow themselves up.

What does the love God dwelling in us reveal from 1 Corinthians 13:4? Suffers long, kind, does not envy, does not boast, and does not puff oneself up

- Having God's love means that the trial we are experiencing is for a purpose, even unknown, and we will suffer through it without complaint or murmuring.
- Having God's love means being kind even if we do not feel like it and especially if the other person is not deserving, so
 - Flipping back at a driver is wrong
 - Hoping that they get "there's" one day is wrong
- Does not envy as in...
 - Seeking women's ordination for the sake of having the position is wrong
 - Wishing you were not stuck home with the kids cleaning toilets while the spouse has an office job
 - And reverse is true in which the spouse does not gloat in having an office job while the other is home with the kids scrubbing toilets, but will pitch in where they can
- And by beholding boasting we are changed...
 - So, watching sports, celebrities, etc. is nothing but boasting and bragging and if we think we are not affected, we are deceived
 - And by the way, constant joking around with boasting to the point that it is more frequently practiced means you are boastful for we are not to practice that we are not.
 - What is an abomination to God?
 - Top of the list **Proverbs 6:16** These six [things] doth the LORD hate: yea, seven [are] an abomination unto him: A proud look...
 - It is an abomination!
 - Would you pretend to take God's name in vain by taking God's name in vain?

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- Would you pretend to be a prostitute by hanging out looking like a prostitute where prostitutes hang out?
- Would you pretend to do drugs with real drugs?
- Then why would we pretend to be boastful by being boastful when not only is it an unkind act, not only is it unchristian, not only is it a sin, IT'S AN ABOMINATION!
- And not puffing oneself up means
 - **Philippians 2:3** Let [be done] through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

What are the guidelines of 1 Corinthians 13:5? Behave as a Christian ought, do not try to be making a name for yourself, do not let life easily irk you, and by all means, do not think evil (sinful) thoughts.

- Doth not behave itself unseemly
 - Dressing up like the opposite gender is unseemly
 - Being a drunkard is unseemly
 - Participating in sin while claiming to be a Christian is unseemly
- Seeketh not her own – In that we do not do these godly things for our own benefit, in fact,
 - **1 Corinthians 4:10** We [are] fools for Christ's sake, but ye [are] wise in Christ
- Is not easily provoked - **Proverbs 16:32** [He that is] slow to anger [is] better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
- Thinketh no evil - **Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he

What contrast is in 1 Corinthians 13:6? Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth

- Do you enjoy the benefits of sin or do you feel guilty?
- Do you enjoy coming to the truth or do you regret leaving behind your old practices?

What encouragement is in 1 Corinthians 13:7? Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

- Bear all things – Is to believe **1 Corinthians 10:13** There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God [is] faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear [it].
- Believe all things – Is to accept what the Word of God states and either do what it says to do or do not do what it says not to do despite not knowing why
- Hope all things – Hoping in all that is unknown towards God as mentioned in the Bible without question to foolishness
 - Hope in eternal life
 - Hope to meet God face to face
 - Hope to fly to other planets and meet other inhabitants
 - Hope to sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb

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- Endures all things – “he that endureth to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 10:22)

What will disappear when Jesus comes in 1 Corinthians 13:8? Charity never faileth: but whether [there be] prophecies, they shall fail; whether [there be] tongues, they shall cease; whether [there be] knowledge, it shall vanish away.

- Fail does not mean to be proven wrong
- But all prophecies of dates and places will fade away into history and not matter
- The separation by various tongues will be over in that we shall all speak the same language
- And knowledge that does not pertain to God will vanish away so:
 - Knowing all the different years, makes, and models will be unimportant
 - How to wisely invest money according to the world will not matter
 - How to tie over 200 different types of knots will not matter

What is the measurements in 1 Corinthians 13:9? Part and not the whole

- Everything and every movement of God has not been revealed but only that which at least some humans can comprehend while for others:
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:10** And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Who does 1 Corinthians 13:10 point to? Jesus

- Will it matter what year the 6,000th year really is when Jesus comes?
- Will it matter that we have all the prophecies correct when Jesus comes?
- Will it matter what we know from the Bible or from anything when Jesus comes?
- It really will not matter when we are being caught up in the air.
- We are not going to care except that “it shall be said in that day, Lo, this [is] our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this [is] the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (**Isaiah 25:9**)

What type of person is in 1 Corinthians 13:11? Child

- The child represents our life of ignorance towards the true God
- Being an adult is reaching the age of accountability and a realization of not only putting away our sins but all that is vain too
 - We will seek that which is beneficial for salvation
 - We will see all else as vanity
- **1 Corinthians 14:20** Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

When will we really know ourselves in 1 Corinthians 13:12? When we see Jesus face to face

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- We will have the reaction of **Isaiah 6:5** Then said I, Woe [is] me! for I am undone; because I [am] a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

What do we exercise right now in 1 Corinthians 13:13? Faith, hope, charity (love)

- The reason charity is the greatest is because if faith and hope lack charity or love, it is meaningless
- Why faith, hope, and charity though and not anything else?
 - Because all 3 are the strongest connections to a God that we cannot see.
 - Belief is based upon evidence of some sort
 - Knowledge is from God's Word
 - Truth is by studying God's Word
 - But "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (**Hebrews 11:1**) creating an extra measure of connection
 - But hope also has nothing tangible and like faith offers that extra measure of connection, even excitement or climax of anticipation
 - And love, true love, is what binds it all together.