IT'S ALL ABOUT 1 CORINTHIANS 13

¹ 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, 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;



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.



What does LOVE have to do with it?



The Definitive Measure of Love (Verses 1-3)

Without love, we...

- are a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal
- are nothing
- gain nothing



The Defining Marks of Love (Verses 4-7)

Love...

- Is patient
- Is kind
- Rejoices with the truth

- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Hopes all things
- Endures all things



The Defining Marks of Love (Verses 4-7)

Love...

- Does not envy or boast
- Is not arrogant or rude
- Does not insist on its own way

- Is not irritable or resentful
- Does not rejoice at wrongdoing





The Distinct Magnitude of Love (Verses 8-13)

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



The world is thirsty for this kind of love, and hungry for people who will express it.

