

**Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians – Part 13 (early 54)****1 Corinthians 13****Love—A More Excellent Way**

- 1 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 If I have *the gift of prophecy*, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- 3 And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.
- 4 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are* tongues, they will cease; if *there is* knowledge, it will be done away.
- 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part; 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.
- 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.
- 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.
- 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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