

1 CORINTHIANS 13

Sunday 27th September 2020

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**HAVE YOU FOUND THE
MOST EXCELLENT WAY?**

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13 (NIV)

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3


1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have 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 do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, 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.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10

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 completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

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1 Corinthians 13:11-13

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 the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a 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.


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

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(A) NOTHINGNESS (V.1-3)

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Four Greek words for Love

- (1) Eros – sexual love
 - (2) Storge – family love
 - (3) Phileo – a brotherly love and close friendship
 - (4) Agape – God's unconditional love.
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(B) LOVELINESS (v.4-7)

- **What Love is?**
 - **What Love does not?**
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(B) LOVELINESS (v.4-7)

1. Love is patient / long-suffering.
2. Love is kind / helpful.
3. Love is not jealous / does not envy.
4. Love is not proud / does not boast.
5. Love is not rude / does not dishonor others.

(B) LOVELINESS (v.4-7)

6. Love is not self-seeking / does not insist on its way.

7. Love is not easily angered.

8. Love keeps no record of wrongs.

9. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

(B) LOVELINESS (v.4-7)

10. Love always protects.

11. Love always trusts.

12. Love always hopes.

13. Love always perseveres.

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(C) COMPLETENESS... THE GREATNESS

(v.8-13)





**THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
LOVE**

**The Most Excellent Way...
The Way of LOVE!!**

Without Love

#1 Nothingness

With Love

#2 Loveliness

Now until then...

#3 Completeness...

The Greatness