

The Temporary Nature of Tongues and Other Sign Gifts
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1. Love Should Be the Underlying _____ to Our Service

- a. Without Love Our Service is _____

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have *the gift of prophecy*, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

- b. Love is _____

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

2. Love is _____.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away.

- a. Love never fails
b. Three gifts will cease: Prophecies, tongues knowledge.

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

3. There is _____ Revelation and _____ Revelation

1 Corinthians 13:9-10 For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

- a. Knowledge and Prophecy – in part – they are incomplete
b. That which is perfect - τέλειος, *telios* - complete, perfect, whole

4. Love Brings About _____.

1 Corinthians 13:11-12 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

5. Three Things _____

1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love.

- a. Abide – the question that needs to be asked is for how long do they abide?
b. Faith – what happens to faith once Christ returns?

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- c. Hope – what happens to hope once Christ returns?

Romans 8:24-25 ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

- d. Love – what happens to love when Christ returns?

Love is an unselfish focus on the needs of others – that will not change in the eternal state.

6. The _____ Nature of 1 Corinthians

Romans 12:4-8 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being many*, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it* in *our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- a. What is missing from this passage?
b. Why? Romans was one of the last books written in the New Testament