

Love, as Defined by God – Part 8
The Greatest of These Is Love
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1 Corinthians 13:13

Too often Christians are content to keep their understanding of God and His gifts to us relatively basic, while they pour their energy and focus into knowing every detail of lesser things. What are some things you have pursued more zealously than you have pursued the Lord?

Today, the Apostle Paul will urge us to think more carefully about three aspects of our relationship with Him: faith, hope, and love, and he will argue that love takes _____ to the other two.

Faith, hope, and love abide (or remain). What does Paul intend to communicate to us by that statement?

He could mean that they abide _____

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Why did Paul single out THESE three virtues?
What sets these three apart?

They are each _____ of God

- We do not trust in Him until God opens our eyes.
- We do not have hope until God grants us His promises.
- We do not love the Lord until God gives us a new heart.

Each of these gifts manifest themselves in _____ ways in the life of the believer

Faith and hope both play critical roles in our relationship with the Lord, but each falls short of the importance of love.

Faith, while important to us, will one day become _____

Hope, while important to us, will one day become _____

Love will not pass away at the completion, but will only _____ !

“The teacher, theologian, pastor, and evangelist become redundant in the sense in which their work is currently carried out. But learning to love, to have respect and concern for the Other above the self, is grounded in the nature of God as revealed in Christ, and this will never become redundant, obsolete, or irrelevant.”

- Anthony Thiselton