

# 1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-3

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## 1 Corinthians 12

- God's teaching, concerning **spiritual gifts**, so that the Church at Corinth and we **would not be unaware**.
- The great contrast between when **we were pagan and were led by demons to mute idols** v. when, **now as true brothers & sisters in Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior**:
  - From regeneration
  - In a faithful witness in word (of the Holy Scriptures) and in life
  - By God's Holy Spirit, in His indwelling Presence and Power for sanctifying transformation
- **In the diversity of the members** of the Body of Christ:
  - There is **One Head and Lord over all** – the Lord Jesus Christ
  - The **members/gifts/honor are ordained particularly/specifically by God**, in His wisdom, to His glory
  - The **members/gifts/honor are for the common good** of the whole body
  - **All the parts need the Head**, the Lord Jesus Christ, **and each other part**, by God's wise design
  - The **members/gifts/honor are given so that there may be no divisions among the parts or from the Head**, Jesus Christ
  - All members are to **have the same care for one another**; suffering together/rejoicing together

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## 1 Corinthians 12:31

<sup>31</sup> But **earnestly desire the greater gifts**. And I show you a still more excellent way.

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## 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

<sup>1</sup> If I speak with the **tongues of men and of angels**,

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-14*

but do not have **love**,

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*1 Corinthians 16:22*

I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

<sup>2</sup> 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,

*Matthew 17:19-21*

but **do not have love, I am nothing**.

<sup>3</sup> 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**.

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**47. Is not then Christ with us even unto the end of the world, as He has promised?**

**Christ is true Man and true God**: according to His human nature, He is now not on earth; but according to His Godhead, majesty, grace, and Spirit, He is at no time absent from us.

**48. But are not, in this way, the two natures in Christ separated from one another, if the Manhood be not wherever the Godhead is?**

By no means; for since **the Godhead is incomprehensible and everywhere present**, it must follow that **it is indeed beyond the bounds of the Manhood**, which it has assumed, but is yet nonetheless **in the same also, and remains personally united to it**.

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## God's Love finds its BASIS in His WILL not His works or our will or works

### **Romans 9:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> for though *the twins* were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, <sup>12</sup> it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." <sup>13</sup> Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED." <sup>14</sup> What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! <sup>15</sup> For He says to Moses, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION." <sup>16</sup> So then it does not depend on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy. <sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, "FOR THIS VERY PURPOSE I RAISED YOU UP, TO DEMONSTRATE MY POWER IN YOU, AND THAT MY NAME MIGHT BE PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE EARTH." <sup>18</sup> So then He has mercy on whom He desires, and He hardens whom He desires.

### **1 John 4:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

### **Mark 12:28-34**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; <sup>30</sup> AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' <sup>31</sup> "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup> The scribe said to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; <sup>33</sup> AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART AND WITH ALL THE UNDERSTANDING AND WITH ALL THE STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would venture to ask Him any more questions.

## God's Love is Truthful

### **2 John 1:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> The elder to the chosen lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not only I, but also all who know the truth, <sup>2</sup> for the sake of the truth which abides in us and will be with us forever: <sup>3</sup> Grace, mercy and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

### **Ephesians 4:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, *even Christ,* <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

### **Philippians 1:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup> so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; <sup>11</sup> having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which *comes* through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## God's Love is Faithful

### **Lamentations 3:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. <sup>22</sup> The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

### **Psalms 94:14**

<sup>14</sup> For the LORD will not abandon His people, Nor will He forsake His inheritance.

### **Romans 8:35-39**

<sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> Just as it is written, "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE BEING PUT TO DEATH ALL DAY LONG; WE WERE

CONSIDERED AS SHEEP TO BE SLAUGHTERED." 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **Galatians 5:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

## **If we truly are God's children, we must Love Jesus Christ Self-Sacrificially and keep His commandments**

#### **John 8:42**

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.

#### **John 14:21**

<sup>21</sup> "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

#### **John 15:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> "You are My friends if you do what I command you.

#### **1 John 2:3-6**

<sup>3</sup> By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. <sup>4</sup> The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; <sup>5</sup> but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: <sup>6</sup> the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

#### **1 John 5:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup> For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

## **God's Love is evidenced by Discipline**

#### **Hebrews 12:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, "MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD, NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; <sup>6</sup> FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." <sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup> But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.

#### **Revelation 3:19**

<sup>19</sup> "Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

## **Those who do Not Love God are forever Accursed/Condemned**

#### **1 Corinthians 16:22**

<sup>22</sup> If anyone does not love the Lord, he is to be accursed. Maranatha.