

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13

{Sunday, August 27, 2017 A.D.}

Mark 12:28-34

. . . ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; ³⁰ 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.** . . .

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

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; . . .

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

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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Q. 59. But what does it help thee now, that thou believest all this {That not only your soul, after this life, shall be immediately taken up to Christ its Head; but also that your body, raised by the power of Christ, shall again be united with your soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.}?

A. That I am **righteous in Christ before God**, and an heir of eternal life.

Q. 60. How art thou righteous before God?

A. **Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.**

That is: although my conscience accuse me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and that I am still prone always to all evil,

yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sin, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me,

if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Q. 61. Why sayest thou, that thou art righteous only by faith?

A. **Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith;**

but because **only the satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God**, and I can receive the same and make it my own in no other way than by faith only.

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