

LESSON 20
THE PRIORITY OF LOVE
1 CORINTHIANS 12:31B-13:13

I. The Importance of Love (12:31b-13:3)

A. A better way (12:31b)

- Paul focuses on something that is more important than _____.

B. The emptiness of ritual (13:1-13)

1. Eloquence (13:1)

- _____ spoken without love are empty.

2. Knowledge (13:2a)

- _____ without love is empty.

3. Faith (13:2b)

- _____ without love is meaningless.

4. Benevolence (13:3a)

- _____ without love are meaningless.

5. Martyrdom (13:3b)

- _____ without love is meaningless.

II. The Essence of Love (13:4-7)

A. Inward

- Love expresses itself inwardly in _____.

B. Outward

- Love expresses it self in our actions toward _____.

C. Upward

- Love expresses itself in _____.

III. The Permanence of Love (13:8-13)

A. Love is unfailing (13:8)

- Paul makes the point that _____.

B. Gifts are not permanent (13:8b-10)

1. Gifts will vanish (13:8b)

- Spiritual gifts are _____.

2. Understanding is partial (13:9)

- Our understanding and knowledge is not _____.

3. The coming of perfection (13:10)

- Spiritual gifts will not be needed with the _____.

C. The progression of maturity (13:11-12)

1. Physical maturity (13:11)

- As we mature physically we set aside _____.

2. Spiritual maturity (13:12)

- Spiritually we only see in part, but we will see _____.

D. That which abides (13:13)

- Faith, hope and love will _____.