

THE MORE EXCELLENT WAY

I Cor. 13

What is the main point of this chapter, in your own words?

How could there be Martyrdom without love?

Is love a verb or a noun?

Is love something you have or something you do?

Is love a "gift" as spiritual gifts?

Do we have more than one kind of love?

What is the source of love?

Describe love in the following situations:

1. Mother and child
2. Boy and his dog
3. Man and his automobile
4. Woman and her jewelry
5. Couple embracing
6. Cross

What is the most powerful force in the universe?

I. ABILITIES – I Cor. 12:29–31

1. Spiritual Gifts – V. 29–30

What answer does Paul expect of each question?

2. Spiritual Goals – V. 31

"Zealous for", is covet. Bridge between 12 and 13 chapters.

What does Paul refer to as a more excellent way?

What effect does the lack of love have on other spiritual gifts?

II. ASSESSMENTS – I Cor. 13:1–3

1. First Situation – V. 1

Value of love is shown by the absence: It is illustrated by a

2. Second Situation – V. 2A Gifts
3. Third Situation – V. 2B Mountains
4. Fourth Situation – V. 3A Philanthropists
5. Fifth Situation – V. 3B Martyrdom

III. ASSURANCES – V. 4–10

1. Effects Of Love – V. 4–7

Characteristics of love shown by its presence.

How does Paul speak of love in these verses?

Discuss what it means to refrain from rejoicing in iniquity? V. 6

Consider what it means for love to bear all things? V. 7

In what sense does love hope all things? V. 7

2. Endurance Of Love – V. 8–10

How does love differ from other gifts in life expectancy?

Abiding nature of love shown by comparison.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS – V. 11–13

1. Perfection Of Knowledge – V. 11–12

What is the relationship between love and spiritual maturity?

2. Primacy Of Love – V. 13

What does this teach about the absolute supremacy of love?

How does he compare faith, hope, and love?

(Fail – Fall to the ground like petals off a flower.)

CONCLUSION:

List at least 10 principal qualities of Christian love.

Make a choice and choose one way to demonstrate Christian love this week.