

July 13th, 2025
Pastor Adam James

1 Corinthians:
"The Body"



"Spirit Gifts: Character Over Charisma" 1 Corinthians 13

Part 1 – Divine Mathematics: The Necessity Of Love

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The one thing the devil cannot counterfeit is love for the glory of God.

Part 2 – The Nature Of Love

- Love is patient and kind
- Love does not boast or envy
- Love is not proud or rude
- Love is not self-seeking
- Love is not easily angered and keeps no record of wrong
- Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth
- Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres
- Love never fails

Love is cross-shaped.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters." -1 John 3:16

Part 3 – The Greatness Of Love

"All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills."
-1 Corinthians 12:11

- **Gifts** ... are temporary, will cease... when?
- **Faith** ... will be sight
- **Hope** ... will be realized
- **Love** ... never ends – The greatest of these is LOVE.

Love is the "trigger" that invites and activates the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.

"Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy." -1 Corinthians 14:1

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Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

1. Who had 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 read at their wedding?

Into the Bible/Sermon

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

1. What is the "divine mathematics" that Pastor Adam referred to in this passage?
2. What is the inherent warning coming from these first 3 verses?
3. What is the defining act of love mentioned in 1 John 3:16?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. What is it about love that differentiates itself from faith and hope?

Application

1. Did you find anything interesting or new from this week's sermon?
2. What aspect of love (or lack there of) do you need the Holy Spirit to work on in your life?
 - *Patience, kindness; lack of envy, boasting, arrogance, or rudeness; insisting on your own way, irritability, resentment, rejoicing in wrongdoing, rejoicing in the truth, bearing all things, believing all things, hoping in all things, enduring all things?*
3. Would you consider yourself graceful? What about graceful under pressure? How are these different?
4. Pastor Adam mentioned "Love is the trigger that invites and activates the gifts of the power of the Holy Spirit." What can you practically do to stir up a desire in your heart to love others?