

1 Corinthians 13
For the week of March 5, 2023

Reflection

1. What were some of the takeaways, for you, from Sunday's sermon?

2. Were there questions, comments, concerns...?

The New Testament love is *agape*.¹ It is a love for the utterly unworthy, a love that proceeds from a God who is love. It is a love lavished on others without a thought whether they are worthy or not. It proceeds from the nature of the lover, not from any attractiveness in the beloved. The Christian who has experienced God's love for him while he was yet a sinner (Rom. 5:8) has been transformed by the experience. Now he sees people as those for whom Christ died, the objects of God's love, and therefore the objects of the love of God's people. In his measure he comes to practice the love that seeks nothing for itself, but only the good of the loved one. It is this love that the apostle unfolds.²

Observation (vs. 1-3)

3. What is Paul saying?

Interpretation

4. How can being articulate, knowledgeable, having miracle working faith, and making a sacrificial stand be worthless without love?

¹ Leon Morris, [1 Corinthians: An Introduction and Commentary](#), vol. 7, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1985), 174.

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Application

5. Do you consistently show God's unconditional love through your gifting within your relationships? Why or why not?

Observation (vs. 4-7)

6. Write these verses in your own words.

Interpretation

7. Define love in your own words.

8. Use scripture to define love.

9. How do verses 4-7 compliment Galatians 5:22-23?

10. How do you define, respond and or react to verse 7?

Application

11. Do you keep "a record of wrongs" in your relationships? Why or why not?

12. How does God help you to not be irritable or resentful in your relationships?

Observation (vs. 8-13)

13. What are these verses saying?

Interpretation

14. Does knowing that all earthly things will pass away (temporary) but love is permanent (eternal), have an impact on your relationships with others now? Why or why not?

Application

15. What are ways that you can begin to show more of God's unconditional love in your relationships today?