



“GOD’S AMAZING LOVE EXALTED”

Part 2

I Corinthians 13:8-10

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

GOD’S LOVE IS EXPLAINED - 13:4-7

1. The Character of God’s love – 4
2. The Contrasts with God’s love – 5-6
3. The Circumstances which God’s Love controls – 7

GOD’S LOVE IS EXALTED - 13:8-10

BECAUSE IT ENDURES – 8 - *“love never ends”*

Remember what does NOT endure!

- Your stuff – Lk. 16:9; I Tim. 6:7
- Your strength – Psalm 31:10; 38:10; 71:9
- Your body – Psalm 110:24
- Your heart – Psalm 40:12; 73:26
- Your eyes – Psalm 69:3
- Your marriage – Matt. 22:30
- Your spiritual gifts – I Cor.13:8

Rejoice in what does endure!

- The Word of God – Isaiah 40:8; I Peter 1:25
- The Lord Himself – Deut.31:6,8; Joshua 1:5; Psa. 9:7; 102:11-12
- The Glory of the Lord – Psalm 104:31
- The Name of the Lord – Psalm 72:17; 135:13
- The Mercy of the Lord – used 41 times – 34 in the Psalms
- The Goodness of the Lord – Psalm 52:1

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

Rejoice in what does endure! cont...

- The Righteousness of the Lord – Psalm 111:3; 112:3, 9
- The Truth of the Lord – Psalm 100:5; 117:2
- The Judgments of the Lord – Psalm 119:160
- The Faithfulness of the Lord – Psalm 89:33
- The Praise of the Lord – Psalm 111:10
- The Seed and Throne of David – Psalm 89:29, Psalm 89:36
- The Compassion of the Lord – Lam. 3:22
- The Kingdom and dominion of the Lord – Psalm 145:13
- The Treasure in the heavens – Luke 12:33-34

BECAUSE IT EXISTS WHEN GIFTS ARE NO MORE – 8-10

1. The Inability Of Gifts To Last Forever – 8b

- **PROPHECIES** (the result of prophesying – revelation given) they shall be phased out or become ineffective
Greek – *katargethesetai*
- **KNOWLEDGE**
- **TONGUES** - “*cease*” – come to an abrupt stop

2. The Incompleteness Of These Gifts – 9 “in part”

3. The Impact Of That Which Is Perfect – 10

Greek: *to teleion* – neuter word used 75 times in NT

The usage of the word “perfect”

- Completing a task - John 4:34; 17:4; Acts 20:24
- Biological growth - I Cor. 14:20
- Maturity – Eph. 4:13; Col. 1:28

The understanding of the word “perfect”

- Refers to the Bible - James 1:22-25
- Refers to spiritual maturity - 1 Cor. 13:11; Eph. 4:13
- Refers to Jesus Christ – 12
- Refers to the 2nd Coming of Christ as an event
- Refers to love itself - I John 4:18

BECAUSE IT EXCLUDES IMMATURITY – 11

BECAUSE IT ENABLES US WHILE WE WAIT FOR A GREATER KNOWLEDGE – 12

BECAUSE IT EXCELS ALL OTHER SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS – 13