

A close-up photograph of two vibrant green leaves. The leaf in the foreground is slightly out of focus, while the one behind it is sharper. A single, clear water droplet is perched on the surface of the front leaf, reflecting light. The background is a soft, dark brown, creating a high-contrast, naturalistic setting.

First
Corinthians
growing pains

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1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but



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have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not



1 Corinthians 13:1-13

irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will



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cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a



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man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face.

Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



Leader: The Word of the Lord

Congregation: Amen! Praise be to
God!

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- Kind
- Rejoices with the truth
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- Believes all things
- Hopes all things
- Endures all things
- Never fails

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- Boastful
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- Resentful
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1 Corinthians 13:8-13

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1 Corinthians 13:8-13

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1 Corinthians 13:12

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Application

Make it your single most important goal to grow as a lover of God and people.



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