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Summer of Love

A Study of 1 Corinthians 13

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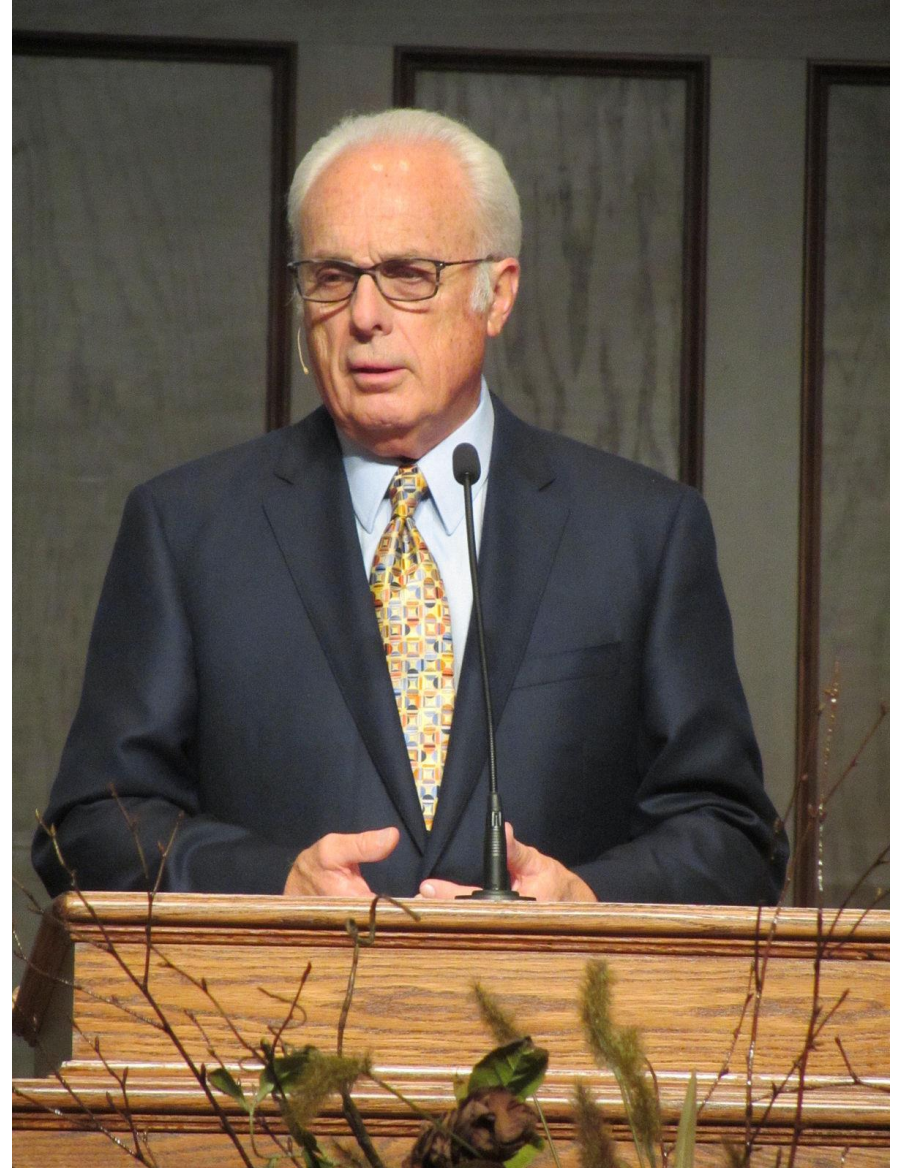
What Remains?

Love Never Ends

1 Cor. 13:8

“They were opposed to loving each other because they were so devoted to raising their own flag. This is a tragic situation in a church when people are competing rather than loving, when they are proud rather than humble, as I told you last time, only humble people love ... only humble people love.”

– John MacArthur



1. Why Love is Greater Than Gifts?

“Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.”

1 Cor. 13:8

Cessationist & Continuationist in Theological Perspectives

“The central question in the charismatic debate is this: Were these gifts intended by God to be used throughout the entire church age until the Lord returns?”

The Agreement Among Believers

- The Holy Spirit is at work in the world.
- The Holy Spirit supernaturally works in human hearts to bring people to the point of faith in Christ.
- The Holy Spirit gives certain gifts to people to carry out ministry, such as teaching, preaching, administration, and hospitality.
- God can and does at times miraculously intervene in the affairs of people.

“The Corinthians
were like children
playing with toys
that would one
day disappear.”
– Warren Wiersbe



1 Thess. 5:16-24

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, rejected every kind of evil. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.”


1 John 4:1-3

“Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world...”



1 John 4:4-5

“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.”



2. Why Growth is Significant?

“For we know in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put aside childish things.”

1 Corinthians 13:9-10

Col. 1:24-26

“Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people.”

Col. 1:27-29

“To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”


Phil. 1:6

”Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”



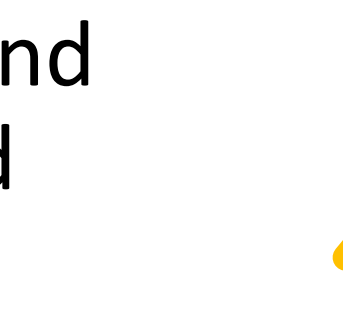
Eph. 4:11-13

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”



Hebrews 6:1-3

“Therefore let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God, instruction about cleansing rites, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And God permitting, we will do so.”



3) Why We Hope for Eternity?

“For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I will know fully, as I am fully known.”

1 Corinthians 13:12

Moon Phases



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“For Paul the gifts of the Spirit are the photographs the church has access to **now**. When Christ returns, however, **then** everyone will see **face to face**. Everything of which the gifts now speak in part will then be revealed in full. Just as a reflected image outlives its usefulness when the thing it portrays can be seen **face to face**, the gifts will have outlived their usefulness “when perfection comes” (13:10) at Christ’s return.” – R. L. Pratt Jr.

“Illumine these dark senses, waken this drowsy conscience, purify my heart, give me fellowship with Christ, and then bear me up, translate me to the third heavens; so I may, so I can, so I shall see God.”

- Charles Spurgeon





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Wide Field Planetary Camera 1



Wide Field Planetary Camera 2

4) What Remains?

“Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love – but the greatest of these is love.”

1 Corinthians 13:13