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1 Corinthians 13:4-6 CSB

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Paul is concerned to disengage **love** in his own theology from Greek and other pagan ideas of love as primarily emotional, sexual, or ecstatic.

Thiselton, *NIGTC: The First Epistle to the Corinthians*

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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. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will come to an end.

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 CSB

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. 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 13:11-12 CSB

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

1 Corinthians 13:13 CSB

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