

Sunday, October 11, 2020

The Greatest of These

1 Corinthians 13:

- Verses 1-3 Importance of love

- Love
 - Eros – sexual, passionate love
 - Storge – family love, kind of love between parent and child or family members
 - Philia – love of friends
 - **Agape** - love of God for man and the love of man for God, divine love

- Agape love (agape')

- Verse 4a, 7 Love
 - Is patient/suffers long
 - Is kind
 - Bears all things/never gives up/always protects
 - Believes all things/never loses faith/always trusts
 - Always hopes
 - Always perseveres/endures through every circumstance/endures all things

- Verse 4b – 6 Love is not/does not
 - Is not envious/jealous
 - Does not brag/parade itself
 - Does not arrogant/puffed up
 - Does not act unbecomingly/rude/dishonors others
 - Does not seek its own/demand its own way/self-seeking

- Is not provoked/easily angered/irritable
 - Does not take into account a wrong suffered
 - Does not rejoice in unrighteousness/takes no pleasure in evil instead rejoices with the truth

- Verses 8 Love never fails

- Verse 9-10 In part-portion
 - 1 John 3:2

- Verse 11 Knowledge of child compared to a man

- Verse 12 Face to face
 - Exodus 33:11
 - Revelation 22:4

- Verse 13 The greatest of these

- Verses 12-13 The Message: 12 We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us! 13 But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust(faith) steadily in God, hope(hope) unswervingly, love(love) extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

- Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV) Love(agapao') God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind

