

Apostle Paul on Charity

This Chapter 13 of 1Corinthians is often referred to as Paul's Chapter on charity, or love. Love that pleases God fulfills the law unto justification (Romans 13:8 through 13:10).

1Co 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of (*or about*) angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal (*in other words it is like talking to hear yourself talk, and there is nothing of your real intent and concern in it*).

1Co 13:2 And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

1Co 13:3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing (*notice Paul does not say doing all these things profits no one else nothing; but it profit me nothing if I am doing these things without being motivated of love*).

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long (*or put up with stuff that opposes it*), *and* is kind; charity envieth not (*or is not resentful*); charity vaunteth (*boast*) not itself, is not puffed up (*not full of self pride*),

1Co 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly (*not inappropriately, but according to decency of respect?*), seeketh not her own (*do not defend itself at the expense of another, nor the defenseless*), is not easily provoked (*angered*), thinketh no evil (*allow one that is accused, forgiveness, and seek not revenge*);

1Co 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity (*immorality*), but rejoiceth in the truth (*and that which is right*);

1Co 13:7 (*Charity/ love*) Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1Co 13:8 Charity never faileth (*or withdraw from its own attribute of, "charity"?*): but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part (*because we are not yet mature*).

1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect (*fully mature*) is come, then that which is in part (*lack maturity*) shall be done away.

1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child (*or in part*), I understood as a child (*or in part*), I thought as a child (*or in part*): but when I became a man (*mature in Jesus Christ*), I put away childish things (*knowing in part*).

1Co 13:12 For now (*in this time of childhood*) we see (*as*) through a glass, darkly; but then (*when perfect/ maturity is come*) face to face: now I know in part (*or as a child*); but then (*when perfect/ maturity is come*) shall I know (*God?*) even as also I am known (*of God?*).

1Co 13:13 And (*for*) now (*as I am yet a child*) abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

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