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Love Is
1 Corinthians 13:1-7

I. Love is Superior to All Other Gifts (vv. 1-3)

- (1) Better than the _____ of men (v. 1a)
- (2) Better than the tongues of _____ (v. 1b)
- (3) Better than _____ (v. 2a)
- (4) Better than _____ (v. 2b)
- (5) Better than _____ (v. 2c)
- (6) Better than extreme _____ (v. 3a)
- (7) Better than the ultimate _____ (v. 3b)

II. Love is An Action that You Do (vv. 4-7)

- (1) Love is _____ (Eph. 4:2; Col. 1:11)
- (2) Love is _____ (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:12)
- (3) Love does not _____ (Acts 7:9; Jms. 3:14-16)
- (4) Love does not _____ (Jer. 9:23-24; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)

- (5) Love is not _____ (Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 4:7)
- (6) Love is not _____ (1 Cor. 11:21; Eph. 4:29)
- (7) Love does not _____ on its own way (1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:3-4)
- (8) Love is not _____ (1 Pet. 2:21-24; Col. 4:6)
- (9) Love is not _____ (1 Cor. 6:5-8; 1 Pet. 4:8)
- (10) Love does not rejoice at _____ doing (Rom. 1:32; 2 Thes. 2:10-12)
- (11) Love rejoices with the _____ (1 Cor. 5:8; Eph. 4:15)
- (12) Love _____ all things (1 Cor. 9:11-12; Eph. 4:1-2)
- (13) Love _____ all things (Prov. 30:5; Phil. 4:8)
- (14) Love _____ all things (1 Pet. 1:3; Psa. 42:5)
- (15) Love _____ all things (Psa. 136:1; Rom. 5:3-4)

TAKE HOME

- How does the fact that God _____ love change the way you think about love?
- What is the _____ act of love you have ever witnessed?
- How can you _____ 2018 the greatest year of love you have ever had?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a Small Group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please call the church office at (661) 259-2913.

1. What is 1 Corinthians all about? What is significant about 1 Corinthians chapter 13 as it is found between chapters 12 and 14?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1. What are tongues? What are tongues of angels? Why is love better?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:2. What would it be like to have prophetic powers and all mysteries and knowledge? Why is love better?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:3. What is the greatest act of sacrifice? How is love better?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-5. Look up some of the cross references. Which one of these characteristics of love do you need grace to grow in?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 13:6-8a. What strikes you about these verses? How can God help you put this kind of love into practice in your life?

7. Read the take home questions. Which one encourages you or challenges you the most? How will you love in a more biblical way in 2018?

*“In the New Testament, love is more of a verb than a noun.
It has more to do with acting than with feeling.
The call to love is not so much a call to a certain state of feeling
as it is to a quality of action.”*

- R.C. Sproul