

Do we believe God?

“But the greatest of these is love ...”

LOVE OR NOTHING!

LOVE IS ...

LOVE NEVER ENDS!

• Do we believe God as he speaks to the necessity of love?

• Do we believe God as he speaks to the essence of love?

• Do we believe God as he speaks to us on a “need to know” basis?

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, **[I say nothing.]** I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. **but have not love,**

1 Corinthians 13:1

2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, I am **nothing.** **but have not love,**

1 Corinthians 13:2

3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, I gain **nothing.** **but have not love,**

1 Corinthians 13:3

4 Love is ...

- is patient and kind;
- love does not envy or boast;
- it is not arrogant or rude.
- It does not insist on its own way;
- it is not irritable or resentful;
- 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
- 7 Love ...
 - bears all things,
 - believes all things,
 - hopes all things,
 - endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

8 Love never ends.

- As for prophecies, they will pass away;
- as for tongues, they will cease;
- as for knowledge, it will pass away.
- For ...
 - we know in part and we prophesy in part.
 - 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
 - 11 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 gave up childish ways.
 - 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.
 - 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

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