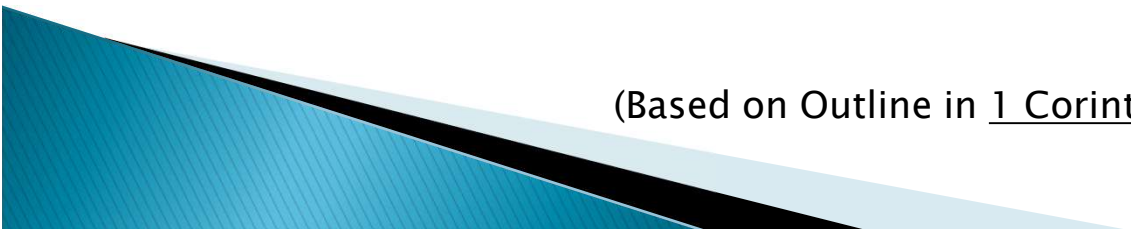


Outline of 1 Corinthians

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(Based on Outline in 1 Corinthians, a Study by Mike Willis, 1996, p.vii)



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 - LOVE



- Love does not _____ itself, is not _____ up.
 - parade, puffed, v.4
 - Thayer says of puffed up: “to inflate, blow up, blow out, to cause to swell up; to puff up, to make proud; to be puffed up, to bear one’s self loftily, be proud” (p.660)
- Love does not behave _____.
 - rudely, v.5. “unseemly” (KJV) or “unbecomingly” (NASB)



- Love does not _____.
- seek its own, v.5
- Does not stress personal rights, self-centeredness, self-indulgence; does not insist upon its rights, does not consider only what it wishes

- Love is not _____.
- provoked, v.5
- To rouse or provoke to anger, sudden outburst

- Love thinks ____.
- no evil, v.6
- Does not keep account of evil



- Love does not rejoice in _____.
 - Iniquity, v.6
 - Iniquity = lawlessness
- Love rejoices in the _____.
 - truth, v.6
- Love _____ all things
 - bears, v.7
 - Bears injustices and difficulties



- Love _____ all things
 - **believes, v.7**
 - Believes the best about others unless shown otherwise; takes the kindest and best view of others and their circumstances; opposite of evil suspicions
- Love _____ all things
 - **hopes, v.7**
 - Optimistic, forward-looking, hoping for the best in others
- Love _____ all things
 - **endures, v.7**
 - Perseveres through injustice, hardship, sufferings, persecution




1 Corinthians 13:1-3

The superiority of love illustrated by its absence.

Spiritual gifts worthless without love.

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. {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, but have not love, I am nothing. {3} And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”



1 Corinthians 13:4–7

The superiority of love illustrated by its presence.

The qualities of love.

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; {6} does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; {7} bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”



1 Corinthians 13:8-13

The duration of love contrasted with the duration of spiritual gifts

“Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.


{9} For we know in part and we prophesy in part. {10}

But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

{11} When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. {12} For

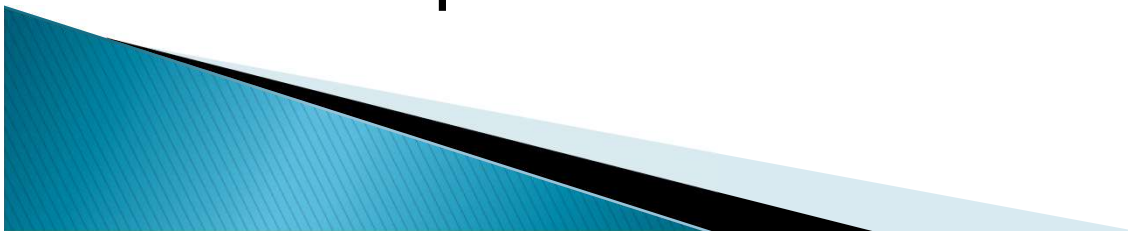
now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

{13} And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love”



Take Aways

- ▶ The necessity of love was emphasized earlier in the letter in regard to the exercise of liberties. The proper exercise of liberties required not only knowledge but love also. Love was likewise lacking in the Corinthians' attitude toward one another in the possession of and the exercise of spiritual gifts.
- ▶ Love is active. It is not enough to say we love. If we love, then our attitude, words, and actions will show the qualities described in this chapter.



Take Aways

- ▶ Love is part of the fruit of the Spirit. Just as we must give attention to develop these, we must give diligent effort to develop love in our character.
- ▶ The miraculous spiritual gifts of the first century had a purpose, and they had a planned end-of-life when that purpose was fulfilled. And this is in contrast to the permanence of love.

