

1 CORINTHIANS, CHAPTER 13

- 1 If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.
- 2 And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.
3. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated,
- 5 it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,
- 6 it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.
- 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
- 8 Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.
- 9 For we know partially and we prophesy partially,
- 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
- 11 When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.
- 12 At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.
- 13 So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.