

But when that which is perfect is come. Perfect, in the Greek, is teleios, that which has reached an end. Prophecies that have been fulfilled have reached an end. Tongues and knowledge will be superseded by a more complete knowledge and means of communication. ¹

2. 3 things a man puts away are listed in I Corinthians 13:11. What are they?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

Throughout future eternity there will be no need for the gift of tongues because all languages will be known to us. We will also have a more complete knowledge of all eternal things.

Then shall I know Him even also as I am known (I Corinthians 13:12). We will know God like He knows us.

3. Do you think I Corinthians 13:12 reveals we will know each other throughout eternity? _____

4. What 3 things will continue eternally? (I Corinthians 13:13)

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

1. Dake, note k, p.186.

THIRTEENTH STUDY

THE GREAT LOVE CHAPTER

THE WAY OF LOVE (I Corinthians 13:1-3)

Though I speak with the tongues (or languages) of men and angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal (I Corinthians 13:1).

The Greek word for charity is *agape*, which means love. It is also said, love is a Christian term used for the word *charity*, and was not commonly known until the birth of the Christian Church. So we are correct in calling I Corinthians 13, "The Great Love Chapter". It could also be called "A Psalm of Love" like the forty-fifth Psalm.

The Great Love Chapter is 'sandwiched' (or inserted) between the Gifts of the Spirit found in I Corinthians Chapter 12, and I Corinthians Chapter 14.

1. If a person speaks in languages and angelic utterance and does not have charity, what does he become as? (I Corinthians 13:1) _____

2. Charity is more necessary than 4 things mentioned in I Corinthians 13:2. What are they?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

Love (charity) is more crucial than deeds of mercy and self-sacrifice (I Corinthians 13:3). All these things have to be motivated by love.

3. (a) The self-sacrifice mentioned in I Corinthians 13:3 is: _____
(b) The deed of mercy mentioned in I Corinthians 13:3 is: _____

LOVE IS LIKE CHRIST (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

1. Name the 15 attributes of Divine Love listed in I Corinthians 13:4-7.

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____
- (5) _____
- (6) _____
- (7) _____
- (8) _____
- (9) _____
- (10) _____
- (11) _____
- (12) _____
- (13) _____
- (14) _____
- (15) _____

ETERNAL GRACES (I Corinthians 13:8-13)

Charity never faileth is prophetic.

1. What 3 things will fail or be superseded from

I Corinthians 13:8?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____

They shall fail. Fail, in the Greek is, *katargeo*, which means to make useless or void; abolish; leave unemployed (Romans 3:3; 4:14; Gal. 3:17; 5:4). It is trans. fail, vanish away, done away, and put away (I Corinthians 13:8,10,11). Here it literally means that when the completeness of communication and knowledge comes, tongues will be no barrier and partial knowledge will be superseded by the perfect or complete (v 9-10). Men in eternity will be able to speak all the languages of all others in the universe, thus doing away with present-day language barriers. The partial knowledge will be superseded by perfect knowledge. It is only that which is in part that will be done away or come to an end (v 9-10). ¹

In verses 11-12 Paul further makes clear his meaning, when he compares the next life to something as far advanced over this one as adulthood over childhood; and when he declares that we now see darkly into the future, knowing only a few things, whereas then, face to face with God, we shall know other persons and things as now known by God. ¹

1. Dake, note j, p. 186.