

Considering again the qualities in verse 4 to 7, how can love lead to healthy interdependence in our relationships rather than unhealthy independence or dependence?

**Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**  
**Sermon: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Study 13: The Most Excellent Way

Readings: 1Corinthians 13

This is a very familiar passage often used at weddings but in context applied to the church. Why do you think given what you already know about the church in Corinth does Paul write this in the midst of teaching about spiritual gifts?

Read 1Corinthians 13:

What is so tragic about using our gifts without love (v1 - 3)?

How would you define each of love's qualities (v4 - 7)?

Some understand the "perfection" in verse 10 as the completed New Testament, thus eliminating the need for tongues or prophecy today. Others understand it as the perfection we will experience when Christ returns. In light of Paul's other comparisons (v11 - 12), which interpretation seems more likely? Explain.

Which aspect of love do you most need to develop?

How does this comparison also put into perspective the Corinthians' boastfulness in their wisdom? How does being known relate to knowing?

In v8 to 13 Paul summarizes the supremacy of love. Compared with love, why do the gifts have limited value?

How is love greater than faith and hope (v13)?

Why is love the ultimate solutions to the divisions in Corinth or in any church?