

Spiritual Gifts: Love Exalted **1 Corinthians 13:8-13**

I. CONTEXT: "the perfect...the partial" (vv.8-10)

A. Proclamation: "Love never fails" (v.8)

1. Prophecies: "they will be done away" (passive)
2. Tongues: "they will cease" (middle voice)
3. Knowledge: "it will be done away" (passive)

B. Explanation: "For...in part/but...the perfect" (vv.9-10)

1. Partial: "in part"
2. Complete: "the perfect"

II. CONTRAST: "a child...a man" (vv.11-12)

A. Illustration: "childish things" (v.11)

1. Immature: "I was a child"
2. Mature: "I became a man"

B. Instruction: "For now...then..." (v.12)

1. Present: "now we see dimly/ I know in part"
2. Future: "then face to face/ I shall know fully"

III. CONCLUSION: "now abide...greatest love" (v.13)

A. Summary: "But now abide" (v.13a)

B. Superiority: "but the greatest of these" (v.13b)

Next week: Read 1 Corinthians 14:1-12