

Northgate Baptist Church Sermon Notes

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 13

TOPIC: The Greatest Christian Virtue

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¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

²And 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. ³And 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.

⁴Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love 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. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. ¹¹When 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. ¹²For 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. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

I. **THE _____ OF LOVE-ITS _____,**
1 Corinthians 13:1-3,
...but have not love, I have become
_____, v.1

...but have not love, I am

_____, v. 2

...but have not love, it profits me

_____, v. 3

II. **THE _____ OF LOVE-ITS _____,**
1 Corinthians 13:4-7

...love suffers long _____; ...love is kind _____

...love does not envy _____; ...love does not parade itself _____

...love is not puffed up _____; ...love does not behave rudely _____

...love does not seek its own _____; ...love is not provoked _____

...love thinks no evil _____; ...love does not rejoice in iniquity _____

...love rejoices in the truth _____; ...love bears all things _____

...love believes all things _____; ...love hopes all things _____

...love endures all things _____;

III. **THE _____ OF LOVE-ITS _____,**
1 Corinthians 13:8-13

...love never fails _____