

AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

Part 2

1 Cor 13:13- ASV

13 But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Cor 13:1-3 - NIV

1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love (Charity), I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. *2* If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. *3* If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1) Darby puts it this way:

There was something more excellent than all gifts.

If they had not love, it was nothing. Love was conformity to the nature of God

2) Geneva Study Bible says:

(1) He reasons first of charity, the excellency of which he first shows by this, that without it, all other gifts are as nothing before God. And this he proves partly by an induction, and partly also by an argument taken of the end, for what reason those gifts are given. For, to what purpose are those gifts but to God's glory, and the profit of the Church as is before proved? So that those gifts, without charity, have no right use.

(2) A very earnest amplifying of the matter, as if he said, "If there were any tongues of angels, and I had them, and did not use them to the benefit of my neighbour, it would be nothing else except a vain and babbling."

3) John Wesley Notes

And have not the love - It profiteth me nothing - Without this, whatever I speak, whatever I have, whatever I know, whatever I do, whatever I suffer, is nothing

Galatians 5:22

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

John 13:34

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

1st John 5:2-3

2: This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands.

3: This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,

I think that this was speaking to us a Christians to make sure that we are not boastful in what God has given us but to remember that it is the Love of God that is more important and that we take on those traits of the Father. Remember God wants a relationship with us and us with others.