

1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13

From verse 11

v.12 We are Christ's Body- mystically part of Him

v.13 baptized into one body- identified with it- the work is done by the Holy Spirit
- made to drink- irrigated- (*John 7:37-39 NKJV*) *On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. {38} "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." {39} But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

v.14-17 the whole is comprised of the parts- the parts are needed for the whole

v.18 our place, our position is determined by His choice

v.20-27 all the parts of the body work together for the common good

v.28 apostles- those with a gift of starting a work, authoritative calling

- prophets- not so much foretellers as forthtellers
- teachers- expounders of God's Word and principles
- these gifts are not offices or calling but tools that are given to do the work of the ministry

v.29-30 the obvious answer to these rhetorical questions is no- if the answer is no to all the rest, doesn't it seem like the answer is no also to tongues

v.31 I show you the more excellent (higher,) way- hodos, hod-os'; a road; a progress (the route, act or distance); fig. a mode or means:--journey, (high-) way.

Chapter 13

Some say that you could substitute Jesus for the word love, some suggest placing your name there and seeing how you match up- **BUT remember we are talking spiritual gifts, not our attempt at this behavior**

v.1 sounding brass- not brass musical instruments but unformed hunk of metal
- clanging cymbal- wailing, tinkling

v.2 knowledge- which puffs up

- faith to move mountains- those things will still be moved but there is no profit, you have missed the point

Evidently we can have spiritual gifts, we can be used yet somehow fall short in love

v.4 Love- as we go through here if your mindset is on how far short others fall, on how people have failed you, or how people don't minister to you enough, you have missed it, you don't have love, you have self consumption

- suffers long- makrothumeo, to be long-spirited, i.e. (obj.) forbearing or (subj.) patient:--bear (suffer) long, be longsuffering, have (long) patience, be patient, patiently endure.-God told Noah, 120 years until judgement- how long to we put up with things, have you ever said " How long do I have to put up with these things ?"

- and is kind-chresteuomai, khraste-yoo'-om-ahee; mid. from G5543; to show oneself useful, i.e. act benevolently:--be kind.- not going on to another aspect but being kind in the midst of suffering long

- love does not envy-affect, covet (earnestly), (have) desire, (move with) envy, be jealous over, (be) zealous (-ly affect). " I can do that better than them,"

- love does not parade itself- look at me, look at my needs

- love is not puffed up- Don't think more highly of yourself than you ought

- does not behave rudely- what do you think of as rude behaviour ? pushing in front, loud music, taking something from someone's plate, putting yourself and your pleasure or comfort ahead of anyone else

- does not seek its own way

- is not provoked- there are sometimes people who try to provoke me, if you are confident of your calling as a servant, who can provoke you

- thinks no evil- imputes nothing bad, injurious, harmful to someone

- does not rejoice in iniquity- are we happy when we see people get what's coming to them ?

- rejoices in truth

- love bears, believes, hopes and endures all things

- love never fails- ekpipto, ek-pip'-to; from G1537 and G4098; to drop away; spec. be driven out of one's course; fig. to lose, become inefficient:--be cast, fail, fall (away, off), take none effect.

v.8 gifts will pass away because there will be no need but love will survive eternity

v.10 what is perfect does not refer to the canon of the New Testament but to love, it's no longer important to figure out what gift, it is doing whatever we need to do to love one another

v.12 we can only see partly in a mirror, never the full view at any one time- two way window/mirror in back of church

go to 1 John 3:14-16

- Once General Booth of the Salvation Army, near the end of his life when he was blind and feeble was suppose to appear at a rally in London. He couldn't make it but sent a note that simply said "OTHERS"

come to chapter 4:7

v.11 if= since He loved, we ought to love (it is our duty) and if we are in Him it is our nature also

v.12-15 love and confession are tied together- the more we let His love flow, the more we will be a witness

- How do you stop the wind or water? our flow will be natural also
- that confession involves lifestyle

v.12 no one has seen- has anyone seen you? God is spirit, we see manifestations
- How is God made real to people? Through Jesus through us.

John knows that he knows that he knows.

Do we desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit? Do we desire to move in the gifts? Then church we need to ask God to fill us with Holy Spirit, we need to ask God to let the river flow from our innermost being.

