



## “God’s Love”

*His Love is Greater than Our Gifts  
I Corinthians 13:8-13*

**God’s love is:**

**I. Persistent** – “knowledge, it shall vanish away” (v. 8)

*His Love never:*

- A. **Fad** \_\_\_\_\_ – “Charity never fails”
- B. **Fa** \_\_\_\_\_ – “whether there be prophecies, they shall fail”
- C. **F** \_\_\_\_\_ – “whether there be tongues, they shall cease”

**II. Perfect** – “When I became a man” (vs. 9-11)

*His Love changes what we:*

- A. **Say** – “When I was a child, I spake as a child”
- B. **Sa** \_\_\_\_\_ – “I understood as a child”
- C. **S** \_\_\_\_\_ – “I thought as a child”

**III. Preeminent** – “the greatest of these is charity” (vs. 12-13)

*His Love overrides the:*

- A. **In** \_\_\_\_\_ - “see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face”
- B. **In** \_\_\_\_\_ – “now I know in part; but then shall I know”
- C. **In** \_\_\_\_\_ – “now abides faith, hope, charity, these three”

## Sentence Sermon

**“The love of God empowers and overshadows our gifts.”**

## Additional Verses

- **Numbers 12:6-8**
- **I John 3:1; 4:7-21**
- **Psalms 86:15**
- **Ephesians 2:4-5; 5:2**
- **Romans 8:37-39**
- **Zephaniah 3:17**
- **Colossians 3:14**
- **II Corinthians 14:1**
- **John 15:12**
- **Ephesians 4:13-14**

## Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why would Paul tell them that certain gifts would cease?
4. What things are the temporary gifts linked to in verses 9-11?
5. What do you think we will see more clearly when we get to heaven?
6. What do you look forward to understanding more clearly? Why?
7. How would you explain the importance of faith, hope, and love?
8. Why is love considered the greatest?
9. How has God’s love been “the greatest” in your Christian life?
10. How should we adjust our lives/ministry according to these graces?
11. What are you most thankful about God’s love?