

Bible Study for January 24-30, 2022

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Notes:

The Christians in the Corinthian congregation prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

In what kind of setting might you have heard these verses before? Why do you think they would be used?

Given the Corinthians drive for spiritual gifts and power, what do you think is Paul's point in verses 1-3?

List the seven characteristics of what love is, and the eighth of what love isn't as found in verses 4-7. How might these apply in your life to home, work, and leisure activities with others? Are there places you could stand to strengthen your love?

Paul is reflecting on the type of love that God shows us in Christ. How is this type of love different from romantic love? From brotherly/sisterly love? From a love of food or possessions?

In light of what we are learning today, do you feel these verses are appropriate for a marriage ceremony? Why or why not?