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## The Christian and Love

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### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- a) Tongues of men and angels are just \_\_\_\_\_ without love (vs. 1)
  - b) Prophecy, knowledge of mysteries, all knowledge, and faith are \_\_\_\_\_ without love (vs. 2)
  - c) The sacrifices of possessions and body have \_\_\_\_\_ without love (vs. 3)
- Love is the most important \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit to possess (Galatians 5:22-23).

### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- a) What love \_\_\_\_\_ (Love is patient, kind and rejoices in truth) (vs. 4)
- b) What love \_\_\_\_\_ (Love is not jealous, does not brag, is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly, does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered and does not rejoice in unrighteousness) (vs. 4-6)

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- c) What love \_\_\_\_\_ (Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things) (vs. 7)
- God’s love determines what we “are,” what we “are not” and how we \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

### 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

- a) Love never \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8)
  - b) Prophecies will be \_\_\_\_\_, tongues will cease and knowledge will be done away (vs. 8-12)
  - c) Faith, hope and love \_\_\_\_\_, but the greatest is love (vs. 13)
- Love will always be God’s plan for His followers.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will \_\_\_\_\_ the transformation of life and \_\_\_\_\_ that comes by living in God’s love.

### My Thoughts:

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### 1. The excellence of love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

- a) Tongues of men and angels are just noise without love (vs. 1)
  - b) Prophecy, knowledge of mysteries, all knowledge, and faith are nothing without love (vs. 2)
  - c) The sacrifices of possessions and body have no profit without love (vs. 3)
- Love is the most important manifestation of the Spirit to possess (Galatians 5:22).

### 2. The qualities of love

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

- a) What love is  
(Love is patient, kind and rejoices in truth) (vs. 4)
- b) What love is not  
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- c) What love does  
(Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things) (vs. 7)
- God’s love determines what we “are,” what we “are not” and how we respond to others.

### 3. The permanence of love

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

- a) Love never fails (vs. 8)
  - b) Prophecies will be done away, tongues will cease and knowledge will be done away (vs. 8-12)
  - c) Faith, hope and love abide, but the greatest is love (vs. 13)
- Love will always be God’s plan for His followers.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will pursue the transformation of life and ministry that comes by living in God’s love.

### **My Thoughts:**