

“All You Really Need is Love”

1 Corinthians 13:8–14:1a

14 April 2024

RECOLLECTION

1. What stood out to you as you listened to the sermon on Sunday morning? Was there anything said on which you require further clarity?

OBSERVATION

2. What does Paul mean by saying that “love never ends” in 13:8? What is the connection between this phrase and the fact that “faith, hope, and love abide” in 13:13?
3. What does it mean that prophecies, tongues, and knowledge will pass away (13:8) and why does Paul refer to them as the “partial” (13:10)? Why must these gifts pass away?
4. What is the “perfect” that Paul is referring to? Christ at his return? The return of Christ himself? The completion of the New Testament canon? The destruction of the temple in AD 70, signalling the ushering in of the new covenant?
5. How does Paul’s analogy of thinking, acting and reasoning like a child (13:11) help explain what he believes about prophecies, tongues and knowledge (13:8–10)?

APPLICATION

6. Why is love the greatest virtue (cf. 13:8 with Colossians 3:14; Galatians 5:6, 14)?

7. When we say that “all you need is love,” what kind of love are we referring to? How is love defined biblically?

8. When measuring the health of a church, how would you go about determining whether there is genuine love taking place?

9. The title of a recent 9Marks book (*Love the Ones who Drive you Crazy*) introduces a helpful discussion in light of 1 Corinthians 13. How can we go about loving people in the church, even when they rub us up the wrong way, sin against us, and generally “drive us crazy”? How do we pursue love in such an environment?

10. Discuss the implications of love’s preeminence in the church in terms of sacrifice, service, substitution, and sanctification. How is this love perfected in Christ?

11. What things might love cause us to “bear,” “endure,” “believe,” and “hope” (13:7)?

SUPPLICATION

12. Write down some prayer requests mentioned in your Group and pray for them throughout this week.

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