



THE GIFT THAT GIVES YOU

CHURCH MATTERS – YOU MATTER #21
1 CORINTHIANS 12:31-13:13

LOVE IS THE KEY INGREDIENT IN A LIFE THAT MATTERS.

A. Love is the Gift that gives You to YOU 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1. The Unusable Tool
 - The beautifier that Is Beauty
2. The Unforgettable, Un-ignorable Kiss
 - The indispensable additive that makes things more truly what they are

B. Love... the Gift that gives You to OTHERS 13:4-7

3. The Un-ownable Asset
 - Increased through distribution
 - The greatest personal wealth you will never own
 - Description: Love is *patient and kind*, love does *not envy or boast*; it is *not arrogant or rude*. It does *not insist on its own way*, it is *not irritable or resentful*; it does *not rejoice at wrongdoing*, but *rejoices with the truth*. Love *bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

C. Love... the Gift that gives You to LASTING PURPOSE 8-13

4. The Un-plunderable Treasure
 - Best left unburied
5. The Unconquerable Power
 - Ultimate winner never needing to win
 - The best of all things everlasting

D. Love... the Gift that gives You to THE LORD OF LOVE

6. The Unhidden character & call of Jesus Christ
 - Real love? Look at Jesus.
7. The Unguarded & Unheld property of Heaven
 - Fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer... *on earth as it is in heaven.*

The natural loves (Affection, Friendship & Eros) prove that they are unworthy to take the place of God by the fact that they cannot even remain themselves and do what they promise to do without God's help...

To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything, and your heart will certainly be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you

Love is

patient *love is*
→ KIND

it does not envy *it does not boast*

IT IS NOT PROUD

Love is not irritable or resentful

it can not be easily angered

LOVE *always protects*
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres

LOVE NEVER FAILS

must give your heart to no one, not even to an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket—safe, dark, motionless, airless—it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, indelible. The alternative to tragedy, or at least to the risk of tragedy, is damnation. The only place outside Heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers and perturbations of love is Hell...

But God... can awake in man, towards Himself, a supernatural Appreciative love. This is of all gifts the most to be desired. Here, not in our natural loves, nor even in ethics, lies the true centre of all human and angelic life.

With this all things are possible.
- C.S. Lewis, The Four Loves, pp.277, 278, 288

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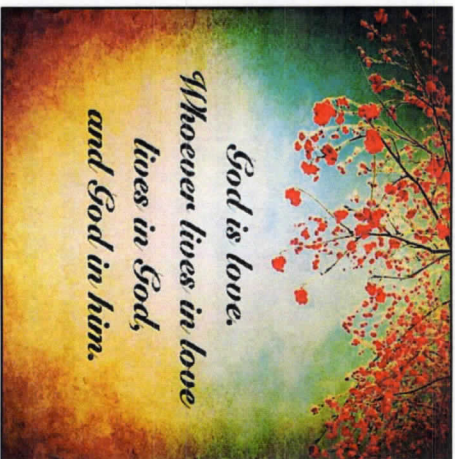
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Contemporary at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

— 1 Corinthians 13:1



Prelude

Welcome & Church Family
News – Pastor Jay Hull

Minute for Mission
- Kathy Ludwig
“Young Family Ministries”

Songs of Praise
Justin Luevano & the
Covenant Praise Band

Made Alive”
“O Come to the Altar”
“10,000 Reasons”

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Children’s Prayer Time – Kathy Ludwig

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance

LOVE

Time of Offering
(Our giving as an act of worship. You are encouraged to participate however God leads you.)

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8

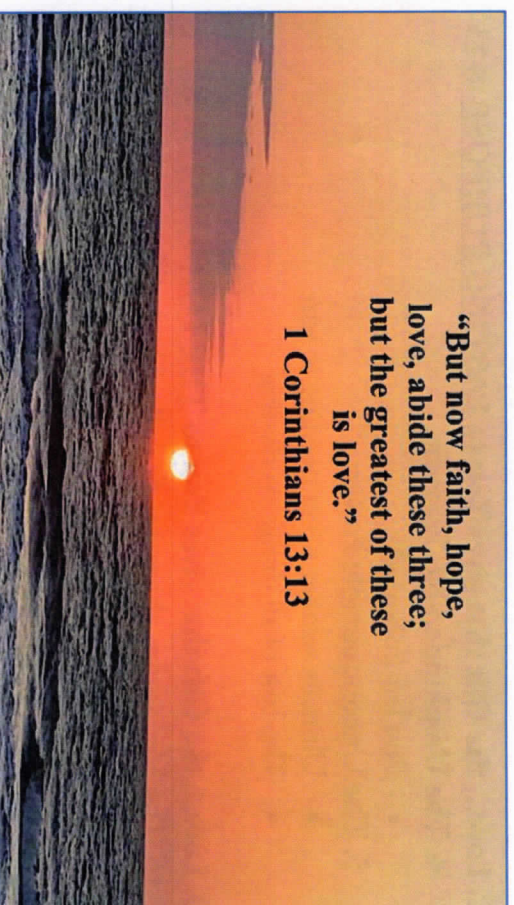
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 (p.959)

Message: “The Gift That Gives You” – Pastor Jay Hull
(1 Corinthians: Church Matters – You Matter #21)

Prayers of the People

Closing Song: “How He Loves”

Final Word of Blessing



“But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians 13:13