

Love Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 / Sunday, February 25th

1.) Remember: Paul is addressing the over-emphasis the Corinthian Christians had on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He shows they should emphasize love more than the gifts, because the gifts are temporary “containers” of God’s work; love is the _____ work _____ itself.

2.) All the Apostle Paul is trying to say is that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are appropriate for the present time, but they are not permanent. They are imperfect gifts for an imperfect _____ time _____.

3.) When I was a child: Childish things are appropriate for children, and the spiritual gifts are appropriate for our present time. But the gifts of the Holy Spirit will not be _____ appropriate _____ forever.

4.) Face to face: Paul is using this term to describe complete, unhindered fellowship with God. 1John 3:2 tells us when we get to heaven, we shall see Him as He is. There will be no more barriers to our _____ relationship _____ with God.

5.) (NKJV Study Bible Notes) “Faith enables us to come to God, but love enables us to _____ imitate _____ Him _____”

Notes: _____

Growth Group Worksheet

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

1.) Read 1Corinthians 13:8-13. What stands out most to you in this text?

2.) Identify and discuss the two illustrations Paul gives to describe the passing away of the spiritual gifts (V:11-12). What is Paul basically saying? What is “that which is perfect”? (V:10)

3.) In verse 13 the Apostle Paul identifies three pillars of the Christian faith. Define and discuss the importance of each.

4.) Look up and discuss the following scriptures on Hope - Romans 5:2; 12:12; Colossians 1:27; Titus 2:13; 1Peter 1:3

5.) As time permits look up the following verses on love and read them out loud in your group. 1John 3:23; 4:7,8,12,16-19,21; 2John 6; Jude 21; Revelation 2:4; 3:19

6.) What is your biggest challenge in applying today’s text to your life? Close in a time of praying for one another.