

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE
I Corinthians 13:1-13

I. THE DEMAND OF LOVE: A LOOK AT OUR MOTIVES (1-3)

- A. *In our speech (1)*
 - 1. *Eloquence not enough*
 - 2. *Emptiness the result*
- B. *In our gifts (2)*
 - 1. *Information insufficient*
 - 2. *Demonstration insufficient*
- C. *In our giving (3)*
 - 1. *Sacrifice insufficient*
 - 2. *Martyrdom insufficient*

II. THE DESCRIPTION OF LOVE: A LOOK AT OUR MANNER (4-7)

- A. *The qualities of love (4)*
 - 1. *Patient - suffereth long*
 - 2. *Kind*
 - 3. *Not jealous - envieth not*
 - 4. *Modest - vaunteth not itself*
 - 5. *Humble - not puffed up*
- B. *The control of love (5-6)*
 - 1. *Activation - doth not behave itself unseemly*
 - 2. *Motivation - seeketh not her own*
 - 3. *Provocation - not easily provoked*
 - 4. *Meditation - thinketh no evil*
 - 5. *Concentration - rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth*
- C. *The constancy of love (7)*
 - 1. *In its protection - beareth all things*
 - 2. *In its faith - believeth all things*
 - 3. *In its hope - hopeth all things*
 - 4. *In its steadfastness - endureth all things*

III. THE DURATION OF LOVE: A LOOK AT OUR MATURITY (8-13)

- A. *Contrasted with temporary gifts (8)*
- B. *Compared with partial knowledge (9-12)*
 - 1. *The fact of partial knowledge (9)*
 - 2. *The end of partial knowledge (10)*
 - 3. *The illustration of partial knowledge (11)*
 - 4. *The cessation of partial knowledge (12)*
- C. *Compared with faith and hope (13)*