

The Roots of Transformation: Love

1 Corinthians Chapter 13

¹ Though I **speak with the tongues of men and of angels**, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

² And though I have **the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains**, but have not love, I am nothing.

³ And though **I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned**, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

How do the highlighted areas relate to last week's message?

-There must be something deeper than works...

⁴ Love suffers long *and* is kind; *-it does not give up; it suffers..... long....*

love does not envy; *-it rejoices with others when they are blessed and victorious*

love does not parade itself, *-it's not showy, it's not looking for a stage*

is not puffed up; *not confident in "self" again, looking for a stage*

⁵ does not behave rudely, **-LOVE IS NOT RUDE!**

does not seek its own, *-Loves does not say, "it's all about me!"*

is not provoked, *-it takes no account of the evil done to it; it forgives*

thinks no evil; *-not motivated by evil thoughts*

⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

-LOVE DOES NOT SAY, "GOD WILL GET THEM."

⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

-Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. -Amplified Bible

⁸ Love never fails.

But whether *there are* prophecies, **they will fail;**

whether *there are* tongues, **they will cease;**

whether *there is* knowledge, **it will vanish away.**

⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

*****Christian Maturity is Demonstrated in Love*****

¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then **I shall know just as I also am known.**

¹³ And now abide:

Faith

Hope

Love

these three; *-The "Pillars" of relationship and transformation.*

but the greatest of these is love.

***The Divine Experiment; 21 Days of Seeking God for City-Wide Transformation.**
We are on for 1/25-2/14 as we have communicated.

Some further details

1. We will have a corporate launch service probably on Monday Jan. 25
2. Weekly prayer gatherings at Wabash Valley International House of Prayer
3. Weekly prayer gatherings at your congregation in whatever time and format you each determine
4. Corporate and city-wide use of the Prayer Guide; the intent is to have congregations pray and seek the face of God together in a vision for city-wide transformation.
5. Leaders (pastors) we need you to directly participate and not delegate this key pastoral and city-wide role
6. Make a concerted effort to put any unnecessary events on pause for the 21 days to give your people space to find intimacy with God during this time frame
8. We will probably close the 21 days out with some kind of gathering.

Women's Group on Tuesday @ 6:30PM at Marsha's House

Ryves @ Family Dinner Night at 5PM and Activities @ 7PM

HP Christmas Dinner and Fellowship Next Sunday Evening!