

The Centrality of Love
1 Corinthians 13
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When Paul urges the Corinthians to “*eagerly desire the greater gifts*” (12:31)

- What are the greater gifts?
- What is his purpose?

In what context are Spiritual gifts to function and be effective?

What is “*the most excellent way*”? (12:31b)

This love Paul talks about is _____.

This is the kind of love which seeks the _____ of all
irrespective of their _____ and of _____.

What does Paul say in Romans 5:5 about this love?

In 1 Corinthians 13 the _____ of Jesus is set alongside the
_____ of the Corinthians.

The Corinthians were seeking the ‘*higher way*’ of spiritual
_____.

Paul sets before them the ‘ _____ ’ (as they
might think of it) of _____.

The way of Jesus is _____ for others – it is
the way of the _____.

What is the one thing that remains when all our earthly
experience/gifts are past? _____

In 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, all the facets of love Paul describes are _____ . What implications can we draw from this?

Love (agape) is fully love only when it _____ (see 1 John 3:18)

Agape is first of all _____ .

- It is the ability to be _____ or _____ by a person over and over and yet not be _____ or _____ .

- Patience never _____ .

Who is the supreme example of patience (see 2 Peter 3:9)?

Just as _____ will take anything from others, _____ will give anything to others – even to its _____ .

To be kind means to be _____ , _____ and _____ . It is active _____ .

Compare yourself with Matthew 5:43-48

What can you learn from

Romans 2:4 –

Titus 3: 4-6 –

The first test of Christian kindness (and every aspect of love) is the _____ .

How is your Christian patience and kindness?