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# Abiding In Charity

1 Corinthians 13

**Charity means:** Love in action

## I. God's emphasis on Charity

**1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, **and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling 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, **and have not charity, I am nothing.**

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

## II. What is charity?

**4** Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

**5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

**6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

**7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

**8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

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**11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

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### **III. Abiding in Charity**

**13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.