

1 CORINTHIANS 13 vs 8

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excerpts compiled from many different translators: **love** is never really defined; but starting on page 1 of the Bible, we see the care and concern of our great Creator God, to creatively provide in abundance for His own, looking out for our welfare; everything that we will need in His world – and it all was very, very good. Now, that is **LOVE!** And you'd think we would all be thankful!



⁸ **Love** / the word is: *agape*. My charity? **No!**

GOD's love never fails, / it will never come to an end; Love will never disappear; it will never pass away;

but if there are prophecies, they will fail, / they will be done away; it will be superseded; the prophecies will be fulfilled; we won't need them anymore; but whether it be the gift of preaching, it will be done away with;

if there are languages, they will cease, / if now exist ecstatic speakings, they will cease; or strange languages, they will stop;

if there is knowledge, it will vanish away, / it will soon be set aside; as for knowledge, it too will be superseded; whether gaining of knowledge, it will be done away.

⁹ **For we know in part**, / for our knowledge... is fragmentary; our knowledge, our prophecy... are only glimpses of the truth; we learn only a part of everything; we only know bit by bit,

and we prophesy in part, / and the prophet's word gives only a part of what is true; and what we prophesy is incomplete; and our preaching is incomplete.

¹⁰ **But when what is perfect comes**, then what is in part will be done away, / but as soon as that which is complete... is come; when the time of fulfillment comes; then the fragmentary becomes antiquated; and the need for these inadequate, special gifts will come to an end.

¹¹ **When I was a child, I used to speak as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child** / to prefer and reason as a child; I felt like a child... and planned as a child:

but when I became a man, I put away childish things / on becoming a man, I gave up childish ways; when I grew up, I finished with childish things; I even put away chocolate Easter eggs.

¹² **For now we see through a glass, darkly** / for now, we see in a mirror, and are baffled; at present, we seem to see only blurred reflections in a mirror; we can see and understand only a little bit about God now; as if we were peering at His reflection in a poor mirror;

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but then face to face / but someday we are going to see Him in all His fullness and glory... face to face:

now I know in part; but then I will fully know even as I am fully known / at present, I am learning bit by bit; now, I only know in fragments; as yet my knowledge is incomplete; but then, I will know in full, as I have been fully known; at present, all I know is a little fraction of the truth, but the time will come that I will know it... as fully as God knows me.

¹³ **And now abides faith, hope, and love, these three;** / in a word, there are 3 things that last forever:

faith,

hope,

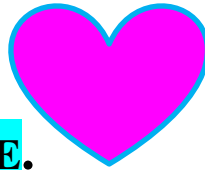
and love / these are the great 3; just like our great Father in heaven, always faithful, always hopeful and always loving; just like His Son, our great Savior, JESUS Christ, our Lord...just like the great, Holy Spirit of God;

These are the 3 greatest God-given gifts to enrich and empower our hearts and minds and lives to walk in our high calling; the evidence that we are His disciples; His apprentices... His learners... as we advance unto our Father in heaven.

now abides FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE,

these three;

but the greatest... of these is LOVE.



This is My Father's World

Every Praise O Come Let Us Adore Him

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever

I Can Only Imagine