

Questions

1. Why is it important for Christians to understand the limitations of our spiritual gifts? How does that help your outlook on local church ministry?
2. Identify the three descriptions of love that seem to be the most difficult for you. Then, read Ephesians 4:20-24. Based on that passage, consider the following for the three areas you identified:
 - Put off (repent of / turn from) sinful ways in which you are lacking Christlike love.
 - Pray and read scripture to allow the Holy Spirit to transform how you have been thinking / desiring in these three areas.
 - Make a plan to put on new ways of thinking / speaking / acting that better reflect the love of Jesus Christ.
3. How is your ability to love like Christ being affected by your daily faith / hope in Him to do gracious works that only He can do?

1 Corinthians

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The Greatest of These is Love

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

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In First Corinthians 12:31-13:13 we see two important limitations on spiritual gifts before we are pointed to the more excellent way of love that must characterize all of the Christian life.

Limitations on Spiritual Gifts

1. Limited in Degree

2. Limited in Duration

*Need prayer? Someone will be up front by the piano
to pray with you after the 1st & 2nd services.*

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Descriptions of the Way of Love

1. Love is patient
2. Love is kind
3. Love does not envy
4. Love is not boastful
5. Love is not arrogant
6. Love is not rude
7. Love is not self-seeking
8. Love is not irritable
9. Love does not keep a record of wrongs
10. Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth
11. Love bears and all things and endures all things
12. Love believes all things and hopes all things