

# **“The Greatest of These is Love” (Part Two)**

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Introduction:

A. 1Cor. 12:31, 13:13

B. Lesson One

1. Love is the greatest duty of man
2. Love is the greatest manifestation of grace
3. Love is the greatest evidence of faith
4. Love is the greatest means of glorifying God
5. Love is the greatest source of well being

## **I. LOVE IS THE GREATEST MEASURE OF PERFECTION**

A. We approach perfection by God's measurement according to the depth of our love for others - John 13:34-35; Acts 4:32-35

B. Paul and John described love as the bond of perfection

1. Col. 3:14; 1John 4:12

C. Paul prayed for love to increase

1. 1Thes. 4:9-10, 3:12; Heb. 13:1; Eph. 1:15-16; Phil. 1:9-11
2. Col. 1:3-4, 2:2; 2Thes. 1:3

D. Many measure heroes by courage, faith, perseverance, or hope; but love is a greater measure of a godly man

1. Eph. 5:25-30; 1Thes. 2:7-12

E. Desiring the best spiritual gifts is great, but practicing love is greatest

1. 1Cor 12:28 - 13:13
2. The spiritual gifts Corinth craved and misused were to end one day, but love was to live on.

F. Love must be genuine and unforced - Rom. 12:9; 2Cor. 6:6; Prov. 26:24-26

G. The greatest in the kingdom of heaven are those who love and serve others

1. Matt. 20:25-28