

**THE CHARACTERISTICS & PERMANENCE OF LOVE VS. SPIRITUAL GIFTS
(1 Corinthians 13:4-13)pt1**

- The following descriptions of agape love (1 Cor. 13:4-8) consist of 2 _____, 8 _____, 6 _____, and one final _____.

A. The MEANING of “AGAPE LOVE”.

B. The MISCONCEPTIONS about “AGAPE LOVE”.

C. The MAXIMAL NECESSITY of “AGAPE LOVE”.

D. The MULTIPLE CHARACTERISTICS of “AGAPE LOVE”.

Love ...

1. _____ (makrothumia) – **patience toward people, especially those who wrong you or take advantage of you.** (2 Peter 3:9)
 - Applied at Corinth:
 - Applied to us:
2. **Is** _____ (chresteuomai) – **kind and gracious in benefitting others.** (Luke 6:35; Titus 3:4-5)
 - Applied at Corinth :
 - Applied to us:
3. **Does** _____ (ou zelow) – **does not envy or become jealous of another’s positions, things, or gifts.**
 - Applied at Corinth:
 - Applied to us:
4. **Does** _____ (ou perpereuomai) – **does not exalt, extoll, brag, or put self on display.**
 - Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

5. **Is** _____ (**ou phusiso**) – **not arrogant**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

6. **Does** _____ (**ou aschemonew**) – **does not act inappropriately or unbecomingly with bad manners due to occupation with self and a lack of sensitivity toward others.**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

7. **Does** _____ (**ou zetew eautou**) – **not selfish.**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

8. **Is** _____ (**ou paroxunw**) – **not easily irritated which creates resentment; this does not mean that there is not a place for righteous anger (Ephesians 4:26-27), or ever getting annoyed (Acts 16:18).**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

9. _____ (**logizomai ou kakos**) – **does not keep a log book of wrongs done to you; to be forgiving.**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

10. **Does** _____ (**ou chairw epi adika**) – **does not rejoice, celebrate, condone or congratulate sin or unrighteousness.**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

11. **Does _____ (sugchairw de te aletheia) – greatly rejoices in the truth.**

- Applied at Corinth:

- Applied to us:

12. _____ **all things (stegw pas) – agape love bears up or lends a hand to others under the loads of life; true love supports others (without condoning or enabling sin).**

- Applied to us:

13. _____ **all things (pisteow pas) – agape love believes or gives others the benefit of the doubt without suspicions, taking their word at face value (without denying the need for discernment); true love is eager to believe the best and takes the kindest view of others without denying reality.**

- Applied to us:

14. _____ **all things (elipzw pas) – agape love is filled with grace optimism (because we know that God can forgive and change people if they let Him); true love never takes any failure as final, though it may have serious consequences accompanying it**

- Applied to us:

15. _____ **all things (hupomenw pas) – agape love remains steadfast under pressure ; true love does not have an escape clause.**

- Applied to us:

- All of these applied to Jesus Christ:

16. _____ **never fails (ho agape oudepote) – agape love is permanent and unending; true love never fails to be needed in time or in eternity.**

- Applied to spiritual gifts: 1 Corinthians 13:8-13

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail;
whether there are tongues, they will cease;
whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

10 But when that which is perfect has come,
then that which is in part will be done away.

11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child;
but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face.

Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

- In what sense is love the greatest of these great virtues?

- How does all of this apply to us? To you?