

The Greatest of These

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

(series #55)

Intro: Our tendency to focus on things of lesser importance

I. The Summary of Verses 8-10

- A. The Importance of Love vv. 1-3
- B. The Character of Love vv. 4-7
- C. The Eternality of Love vv. 8-10
 - 1. Compared with prophecies
 - 2. Compared with the gift of languages
 - 3. Compared with knowledge

II. The Analogy of Boyhood and Manhood v. 11

- A. For a Jewish boy, manhood was instant
- B. When we enter eternity all of us will be perfect

III. The Explanation of Our Present Limitations v. 12

- A. We see dimly
- B. We know in part

IV. The Exaltation of Love v. 13

- A. Our faith will become sight
- B. Our hope will be realized
- C. Love will go on forever

Conclusion: Pursue love! - 1 Corinthians 14:1