

# The Way of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

Outline of 1 Corinthians:

- I. Introduction (1:1-9)
- II. Problems Reported (1:10-6:20)
- III. Questions Raised (7:1-16:4)
  - e. Spiritual Expression (12:1-14:40)

Spiritual Expression = *how the Holy Spirit's work is expressed in the church*

## A. The Necessity of Love (13:1-3)

1 - Though I speak  
-- with the tongues of men  
and  
--[with the tongues] of angels,  
but  
- [I] have not love  
I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

2 And  
- though I have *the gift of* prophecy,  
and  
-[though I] understand all mysteries and all knowledge,  
and  
-[though I] have all faith,  
-- so that I could remove mountains,  
but  
-[I] have not love,  
I am nothing.

3 And  
- though I bestow all my goods  
-- to feed *the poor*,  
and  
- though I give my body  
-- to be burned,  
but  
-[I] have not love,  
it profits me nothing.

## **B. The Character of Love (13:4-7)**

4 Love suffers long

*and*

[love] is kind;

love does not envy;

love does not parade itself,

[love] is not puffed up;

5 [love] does not behave rudely.

[love] does not seek its own,

[love] is not provoked

[love] thinks no evil;

6 [love] does not rejoice in iniquity,

but

[love] rejoices in the truth;

7 [love] bears all things,

[love] believes all things,

[love] hopes all things,

[love] endures all things.

8 Love never fails.

## **C. The Permanence of Love (13:8-13)**

Love never fails, never goes away. The way of love will be the way of life throughout all eternity as we enjoy perfect rest with our Savior who loves us.