

Study Guide on 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

(1 Corinthians 13:1) If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

(1 Corinthians 13:2) And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

(1 Corinthians 13:3) If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

(1 Corinthians 13:4) Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant

(1 Corinthians 13:5) or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

(1 Corinthians 13:6) it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

(1 Corinthians 13:7) It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(1 Corinthians 13:8) Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

(1 Corinthians 13:9) For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part;

(1 Corinthians 13:10) but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

(1 Corinthians 13:11) When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

(1 Corinthians 13:12) For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

(1 Corinthians 13:13) And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?