

# BELIEF, A HEART LIKE HIS, FAITH-FAMILY-DISCIPLESHIP

New Testament Unit - Benefits of Belief - *Love, The Greatest of All* - Dec.17, 2017

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Intro: What is wrong with the way the "world" uses the word "love" today? How did God intend it to be used?

## I. 1 Cor.13:1-3 The Value and Necessity of Love

1. Looking back at 1 Cor.12, what had become the problem at the church at Corinth around the subject of gifts? What was Paul telling the church in 12:31?

2. Define these terms for love in the bible:

1. Storge

3. Phileo

2. Eros

4. Agape

Which one is used in 1 Cor. 13?

3. What is the relationship between gifts/faith/benevolence/martyrdom and love? What does love bring to the table here?

Love never fails to G\_\_\_\_\_ God; Love is the more E\_\_\_\_\_ way!

## II. 1 Cor.13:4-7 Love Is Demonstrated by Attitudes and Actions

1. Explain each of these qualities of love:

Patient/Suffers long

Kind

Not envy

Not boast

Not rude

Not self-seeking/insist on own way

Not irritable

Does not keep records of wrong/resentful

Not rejoicing at wrong doings/evil

Rejoices in truth

Bears all things

Believes all things

Hopes all things

Endures all things

### III. 1 Cor. 13:8-13 Love Will Never End

1. (13:8) "Love never ends" denotes the P\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ - L\_\_\_\_\_ love!

2. What does vs. 8-9 tell us about God's intentions for miracles?

3. Miraculous gifts were necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ . (See Heb.2:2-4,

Mark 16:20, John 20:30-31).

4. What did Paul mean when he wrote about "the perfect"?

5. (13:11) Why was Paul making the comparison of talking, thinking, and reasoning like a child?

6. (13:12) What did Paul mean by his analogy of looking in a mirror? (see also 2 Tim.3:16-17,

2 Pet.1:13)

7. (13:13) Why did Paul consider love to be greater than faith and hope?