

Knowing the Holy Spirit – 7
“God’s Love”

Intro: 1 Corinthians 12:1 “Concerning spiritual gifts God would not have us ignorant”.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NKJV)

- The gifts are for our profit (The church vs. individuals)
- Nine different gifts distributed to the body (vs. 8-11)
- Unity and diversity in the body (vs. 12-27)

1 Corinthians 12:28-31 (NKJV)

- Gift of tongues and the gift of interpretation of tongues are ministry gifts to the body.
- Public tongues must be interpreted. Why? God is **speaking to us!** (1 Corinthians 14:26-28)
- 1 Corinthians 14:2 – Gift of the Holy Spirit and a prayer language in tongues is you **speaking to God** .
- Your spirit prays. (1 Corinthians 14:14)

[MORE EXCELLENT WAY]

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)

- Vs. 1 “Tongues of men and angels – Without Love – **Annoying sound.**”
- Vs. 2 “Gift of prophecy”
“Understand all mysteries and all knowledge”
“Faith to move mountains”
Without Love – **You are nothing!**
- Vs. 3 “Give all my goods to feed the poor”
“Give my body to be burned”
Without Love – **It profits you nothing!**

The more excellent way is the gifts **IN LOVE** vs. **IN THE FLESH**

[LOVE DEFINED – 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7]

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| 1. Suffers Long | 9. Thinks No Evil |
| 2. Kind | 10. Doesn't Rejoice in Injustice |
| 3. Does Not Envy | 11. Rejoices in Truth |
| 4. Does Not Parade Itself | 12. Bears |
| 5. Is Not Puffed Up | 13. Believes |
| 6. Never Rude | 14. Hopes |
| 7. Does Not Seek It's Own | 15. Endures All Things |
| 8. It Is Not Provoked | 16. Never Fails |

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8-13 (NKJV)

[5 Things Happen When The Perfect Comes]

- Prophecies fail
- Tongues will cease
- Knowledge vanishes away
- See Him face to face (1 Peter 1:7-8)
- I'll know even as I'm known

Return of Jesus

Redeemed bodies

Kingdom consummated on the earth

1 Corinthians 14:1 "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts..."

Romans 5:5 "Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."

Romans 13:10 "Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law".

[TAKE AWAY]

1. Gift of tongues and praying in other tongues is not the same.
2. The more excellent way is operating in the gifts **IN LOVE** vs. **IN THE FLESH**.
3. Tongues and the gifts will cease at the appearing of Jesus and His Kingdom.