



A NEW WAY OF LIVING: *"Let Love Lead The Way"*

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Introduction

Last week, we talked about how God has given each of us different spiritual gifts to build up the church. But this week shifts the focus from *what* we've been given to *how* we use it.

In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul reminds us that gifts—no matter how powerful—are meaningless if they are not rooted in love. Love isn't just a bonus; it is the foundation. When love leads the way, everything changes: our relationships, our church, and our witness to others.

Discussion Questions

1. Love Gives Purpose to Our Gifts

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

- Why do you think Paul says our gifts are meaningless without love?

- How can pride or comparison show up when using our gifts?

- What would it look like to use your gifts purely to help others?

2. Love Strengthens People and Points Them to God

Read: 1 Corinthians 8:1b, John 13:35

- How does love strengthen the church more than knowledge or talent?

- In what ways can people “see” God through how we love others?

- Where do you think our culture struggles with this kind of love?

3. God's Love (Agape) Is Different

Read: 1 Corinthians 13:4–7

- Which description of love stands out to you the most? Why?

- Have you ever noticed that this is a complete list and not a list of “options” to pick and choose from? Which of the aspects of love do you struggle with the most?

- Which aspects of love come the most naturally for you?

- How does understanding God's love change the way you treat others?

Memory Verse

"So now faith, hope, and love remain, these three things—and the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)